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Ten Killed In Egypt 'Mourning Day' Clash

ALEXANDRIA CROWDS STONE BRITISH MILITARY POST

CAIRO, March 4 (A.P.A.): Ten people were killed and some wounded seriously in a clash with Egyptian police in Alexandria today, in the first reported violence of the Nation's "Day of Mourning" for those killed in anti-British riots of February 21.

Cairo at midday was calm although the atmosphere was tense. A general strike paralysed business.

According to "Reuter's" latest information those killed in Alexandria include two Egyptian policemen, two British military policemen and six members of the public.

In Alexandria the Egyptian police and troops opened fire on strike crowds attacking a British military and police post with stones and other missiles.

Crowds surged forward several times and tried to break into the post which, according to latest reports was still under attack.

Early part of the day passed off quietly in Cairo and Fitzpatrick Pasha, acting Commandant of the Cairo City Police, stated early this afternoon that "not a single incident had occurred in the city."

No newspapers appeared in Cairo and the Egyptian State Radio curtailed its broadcasts.

Government departments and other official establishments such as banks and similar institutions were working normally. Cairo Stock Exchange was technically open but dealers stayed away.

Many Egyptian flags were flown at half-mast and special prayers were said at a number of mosques.

In Alexandria shop signs in English were, on instructions of students, covered with paper leaving only Arabic signs visible.

Students of the Gordon Memorial College at Khartoum went on strike in sympathy with Cairo's "Day of Mourning."

SYRIAN SYMPATHY

DAMASCUS, March 4 (APA): University students here and the entire city of Beirut struck to-day in sympathy with Egyptians on their "day of mourning" for those killed in demonstrations on February 21 demanding evacuation of British troops.

IN BEIRUT TOO

BEIRUT, March 4 (Reuter): Shops were closed to-day as an expression of sympathy with the strike situation in Egypt.

An official 'communique' to-day stated that the Lebanese Government considered that the country had already shown its feelings towards Egypt and expressed its full support of Egypt's aspirations.

FOREIGN TROOPS TO QUIT SYRIA

PARIS, March 4 (APA): France and Great Britain have agreed to evacuate their troops completely from Syria by April 30, the Quai d'Orsay announced to-day.

A joint delegation of French and British military experts have decided to begin the withdrawal on March 11.

"The delegation is now studying the programme of the evacuation of Lebanon," a Foreign Office 'communique' said.

JAWAHAR FOR MALAYA

ALLAHABAD, March 4 (A.P.I.): Arrangements in connection with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's visit to Malaya have ben made by the Government.

Pandit Nehru will fly to Malaya from Delhi on March 16. He hopes to spend a week there and return by March 25.

Mr. G. P. Hutheesingh will accompany Pandit Nehru as his Secretary.

Sjahrir Given Line Clear

Strengthens Position After Party Talks

BATAVIA, March 11 (Reuter): A big speed up in the constitutional negotiations with the Dutch was hinted at by Dr. Sutan Sjahrir, the Indonesian Premier, when he returned to Batavia to-day from Soerakarta on the conclusion of the Indonesian National Committee Convention.

The young premier said he was now in "a much stronger position", according to the Dutch News Agency.

The Premier added: "I have full responsibility for carrying out negotiations with the Dutch without having to refer everything back to Jogjakarta (nationalist Movement Headquarters).

Dr. Sjahrir, whose whole cabinet resigned during the convention at Soerakarta, only agreed to become again in response to a personal appeal by Doctor I. R. Soekarno, the Indonesian President. His new cabinet will be a coalition one representing six or seven parties and will be announced in a few days.

The Indonesian National Committee at its meetings at Soerakarta neither accepted nor rejected the Dutch "Commonwealth" proposals.

Dutch sources expect that formal talks between the Dutch and the Indonesians may begin in this week.

HIROHITO MAY BE WITNESS IN WAR CRIMES TRIAL

TOKYO, March 4 (U.P.A.): Emperor Hirohito will probably be called as witness in the Japanese war crimes trial which is expected to open on April 15 according to a reliable source.

Recently Emperor Hirohito set himself a programme of "self-humiliation" seeking to show the Japanese people he is not immortal but merely a human being.

Rowlands' Budget Under Fire

FREE INDIA WILL BE ARSENAL & POLICEMAN OF EAST

Asaf Ali Demands Utilisation Of Sterling Balances For Defence Equipment

NEW DELHI, March 4 (A.P.I.): THE CENTRAL ASSEMBLY BEGAN THE GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE BUDGET TODAY. THE DEBATE IS TO CONCLUDE TOMORROW.

Sir Mahomed Yamin Khan, (Muslim League) speaking first today said that there was a surplus of over ten crores in the Posts and Telegraphs Department and he asked, why the grievances of the employees of that Department had not been redressed. He complained that the Crown Representative's Department had spent nearly two crores last year which was 50 lakhs more than in the previous year, but no explanation had been given by the Finance Member for increased expenditure. It was the taxpayers money that was spent on a department over which the House had no control.

Sir Yamin Khan urged retrenchment in the Information Dept. He could understand the necessity for the Department during the War but even after the War was over, he found the department was heavily loaded. The strength of the Department should be brought to pre-war level he said.

Sir Yamin Khan wanted the Services of superannuated people to be terminated by March 31 and younger men appointed in their stead. He urged the abolition of the Ecclesiastical Dept.

"BRITISH INDIA" MUST GO

Mr. Asaf Ali (Congress) referred to the Finance Member's statement that his would be the last budget to be presented by a British Finance Member, and said: "India cannot and will not be content with the mere disappearance of British members from the Treasury Benches. What India demands is the disappearance of the phrase British India. India can no longer put up with the humiliation of being called British India. It is outrageous, revolting and repugnant to the self-respect of a great country, particularly after the conclusion of the last war. It is outrageous in this new context to hear of any country, leave alone India, being subject to another country. No one will tolerate it."

STERLING BALANCES FOR DEFENCE EQUIPMENT

Mr. Asaf Ali suggested the use of Sterling Balances for the acquisition of urgently needed Defence equipment. "My immediate needs", he said, "are a good Navy and a good Air Force. I want ships and aircraft. Give me all that you can, so that I may stand on my own legs."

He thought the Finance Member was complacent with regard to external dangers. The world, Mr. Asaf Ali said, was in a state of ferment and there was danger all round. "Let me make it clear that India in her present state of mind is a danger to the world.

"POLICEMAN & ARSENAL OF EAST"

"India in subjection, struggling against foreign domination and presenting a picture of discontent is a temptation for others. We must see India placed on a firm footing of complete independence, so that the world would know that this country at any rate is self-conscious and will throw all her weight on the side of peace. She will be the policeman of the East, and the arsenal of the East. That can only be if she stands on her own feet."

Referring to the Cabinet Mission, Mr. Asaf Ali said: "We can meet them only as a free people and as equals. The mission should proceed on the basis that India today is at least 'de facto' a free country. Here I am not referring to constitutional matters."

Mr. Asaf Ali welcomed the proposal for a Taxation Inquiry Committee, but he would like the setting up of a Council of Economists who would continuously examine such questions so that we might be able to deal with our problems from the time to time in the light of the statistics and other advice they might give.

Mr. Asaf Ali suggested a lump grant of 15 crores to the N.W.F.P. Government for the economic development of the tribal areas rather than annual expenditure of one crore incurred at present.

"MULTIPLICATION OF BUREAUCRACY"!

Lieut.-Col. Chatterjee considered the budget a refreshing one presented by the Finance Member in a refreshing speech, which revealed a healthy and honest spirit of approach to the country's finances. But he objected to the proposed increase of three and three-quarter crores in Civil expenditure and to "the multiplication of bureaucracy", which, he said, went with the "ever increasing expansion of Government departments."

"ABOLISH SALT-TAX"

Mr. Narayanamurthi (Congress) urged for the abolition of Salt Tax. He was also against the imposition of Excise duties on agricultural produce such as arecanuts and tobacco. The merchants, he said, were better orga-

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CANADA INDICTS RUSSIA

OTTAWA, March 4 (A.P.A.): Prime Minister MacKenzie King today made public a report on the leakage of official secrets which declared: "Evidence reveals these operations were carried on by certain members of the staff of the Soviet Embassy at Ottawa under direct instructions from Moscow."

"Reuter" adds: The Canadian Government announced today that four civil servants have communicated directly or indirectly secret and confidential information to representatives of the Soviet Union in violation of the Official Secrets Act of 1939.

FROM FETTERS TO FREEDOM

Attlee Wants Peaceful Transition In India

LONDON, March 4 (Reuter): Britain's responsibility for maintaining order in India "so that the political transition we hope for, can take place in a calm atmosphere," was among her "very heavy" military commitments enumerated by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, this afternoon.

He was opening a two day debate in the House of Commons on British defences and stated that it was aimed at reducing the strength of the British forces by the end of the year to 1,100,000 men and women. These would comprise 650,000 in the Army, 275,000 in the Air Force and 175,000 in the Navy.

The Premier continued: "I won't disguise from the House that there is always a possibility of things going wrong in some part of the world or the other."

"If things go wrong we shall have to come to the House to have greater forces in being and perhaps a supplementary estimate", said Mr. Attlee.

Although the future strength of the British forces had been planned in a hopeful spirit nations were still in that uneasy transitional period of unsettlement after the disturbances of a long war and British forces were engaged in preserving law and order in any parts of the world.

JUSTICE BYERS SUSPENDED?

MADRAS, March 4 (U. P. I.): The Madras Government has after taking advice from the Advocate-General informed the Police Commissioner of Madras that there should be a full investigation into the shooting incident near the Madras Fort station.

A case under Section 304 I. P. C. has been registered by the police in connection with the above incident, (which resulted in the death of a boy by pistol shot).

"For the time being Justice Byers of the Madras High Court will not sit and dispose of the cases." This assurance has been given by the Chief Justice to the Advocate-General who has forwarded this same to the Advocates Association.

An "A. P. A." message adds that the Advocates Association, which proposed to pass a resolution at a meeting to-day that "it will not be in the interests of the administration of justice that Mr. Justice Byers should be entrusted with any judicial work pending clearance in a due court of law of his legal responsibility", has cancelled the meeting to-day in view of the Advocate-General's written assurance that Justice Byers "will not sit and dispose of cases" and "the incident is receiving consideration at the hands of the Government."

RUSSO-AMERICAN BARRIER SURMOUNTABLE

NEW YORK, March 4 (Reuter): Mr. Averell Harriman, former United States Ambassador to the Soviet Union, asked if he believed that a war with Russia would be inevitable replied tonight. "I most certainly do not, but it depends on us." He was speaking to Quentin Reynolds, American Radio Commentator, who was interviewing him in a nationwide broadcast.

Asked by Reynolds whether the difference in ideologies between the United States and Russia would prevent permanent peace, Mr. Harriman replied: "It is a fact that the Russian ideology is completely different from ours, but if we both adopt the attitude of 'live and let live' as to internal affairs and if we both respect the right of all peoples to choose their own way of life this barrier need not be unsurmountable."

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"Let Not Imperialists Talk Of Prestige Now"

NO RETALIATION NEEDED, WARNS SARDAR PATEL

BOMBAY, March 4 (A.P.I.): "Those who seek to uphold Imperialism and perpetuate inequalities can ill-afford to talk of prestige, much less of vindicating it, in the present awakening and consequent determined opposition of which the recent events were convincing evidence", says Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in a message to the foreign press.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was asked to give a message reviewing the events of the past week and giving an indication of what kind of reception the British Cabinet Delegation would secure in India.

In his reply Sardar Patel says: "Being a witness to the recent happenings in Bombay, I can say nothing like it has happened within this generation. The destruction of property was wantonly thoughtless. There is no doubt, that what happened was a direct outcome of the lessons of the war that has only officially closed and an echo of what is happening in the West.

"The inequality which still seems to reign supreme and which it was hoped would die out, was galling for the Indian Ratings and resentment of distinction between Europeans and Indians made them impatient to the point of hurling what was bound to be a futile defiance on the part of an ill-armed few against overwhelming odds fully armed.

"The populace whose sympathy has always been with the fighters against Imperialism readily joined hands and brushed aside the wise counsels of leaders who love liberty no less than they.

"It was not without the greatest difficulty that I persuaded the Ratings to surrender unconditionally, giving them at the same time the assurance that whatever was just in their cause would be championed by the Congress, that so far as was humanly possible, full justice would be done and that there would be no victimisa-

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BOMBAY BAN ON LOUDSPEAKERS

The Commissioner of Police, Bombay, has issued an order forbidding any one to use any mobile or portable loudspeaker or other noisy instrument in or near any street or public place in Greater Bombay, for 15 days from March 4.

LEADERS ALERTED

Delhi Talks To Begin By End Of March

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 4: Leaders of the major political parties are being requested to keep themselves in readiness to rush to New Delhi by the end of March to meet the Cabinet Delegation, I learn from lobby conversation.

The delegation is expected here the 25th of this month and will hold consultations amongst themselves in order to work out a plan for discussions with party leaders.

The 'United Press of India' adds: The British Cabinet Mission, which was originally scheduled to leave for India by the end of this month, may now fly earlier, it is learned here. Enquiries at the India Office this morning indicate that March 18 has been provisionally fixed as the date for the Mission's departure.

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Pandit Misra On Hunger-strike

CUTTACK, March 4 (UPI): Pandit Godavaris Misra, former Finance Minister in the Parlakimedi Coalition Cabinet, resorted to hunger-strike since this morning as a protest against the allegations which appeared in a section of the Press that he, as a Minister, took illegal gratification.

Pandit Misra has resolved not to break fast until either the allegations are substantiated or an unqualified apology is tendered by the Press concerned.

STOP PRESS

WITHDRAWAL OF INDIAN TROOPS FROM JAVA

LONDON, March 4 (APA): Mr. Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary of State for India, said to-day that Britain "hopes" to begin withdrawing Indian troops from Indonesia "almost immediately."

Mr. Henderson, replying to a question whether the withdrawal was due to easing of Military commitments or a concession to Indian national feeling, said: "All I can say is that it is due to a decision to withdraw Indian troops."

EGYPT FIRING TOLL MOUNTS TO 17.

CAIRO, March 4 (Reuter). Although Egypt's "day of mourning" for students killed in the recent anti-British riots in Cairo passed off without incident in Cairo, there was serious trouble in Alexandria, where 17 people were killed and 300 wounded in the firing.

British troops opened fire and the Egyptian Army police also fired on the crowds. Three British military police were gravely wounded.

AKALIS FAIL TO WOO EITHER CONGRESS OR LEAGUE

Hitch Over Sikh Seats In Punjab Ministry-Making

LAHORE, March 4. (A.P.I.): No settlement with the Congress or the Muslim League has been arrived at by the Akali Party, according to a statement issued late this evening by Giani Kartar Singh and Sardar Ujjal Singh, Akali leaders, who carried on negotiations with other party leaders in connection with the formation of a ministry in the Punjab.

The two Akali leaders had prolonged talks today with Muslim League and Congress leaders, and later had a conference with Sardar Baldev Singh, Leader of the Akali Party.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to-day met Sikh members of the Congress Party twice. Later a prominent member of the Congress party said that the Sikh members of the Congress Party could not surrender to the Akali Party their rights for representation in the cabinet.

Enquiries made at Government House at 3 p.m. indicate that His Excellency the Governor has not so far invited any party leader for further talk in connection with the formation of a new ministry.

Wanted Seats According To Akali Strength

"We have made it clear in unequivocal terms that unless a solution of the Pakistan problem is found there does not seem to be any possibility of our co-operation with the Muslim League which has Pakistan as its goal," said Sardar Baldev Singh, Leader of the Panthic Akali Party, in a special interview to the 'A. P. I.', summing up his negotiations with the Muslim League on the question of the formation of a League-Akali coalition ministry in the Punjab.

He said: "It has been my earnest

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"MENTAL CRISIS" IN PUNJAB

LAHORE, March 4 (UPI): Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Cohgress President, in a statement to the press contradicts the announcement made by the All-India Radio this evening that a Coalition Party has been formed and a settlement reached. Characterising it as an "entirely false story" the Congress President says that negotiations are still going on and no final settlement has been arrived as yet.

He adds: "The whole thing is like a mental crisis to me and it is worrying me all twenty-four hours. The work that can be done in two hours' time is being unnecessarily delayed."

AKALI-CONGRESS TALKS

LAHORE, March 5 (API): "The talks between the Congress and the Akali Party are still in progress," said Lala Bhim Sen Sachar leader of the Congress Assembly Party, interviewed by the "Associated Press of India" late after midnight.

ALLIES ASK FRANCO TO QUIT

LONDON, March 4 (Reuter): Britain, France and the United States told Spain tonight in a joint statement that the abolition of the Falange and disappearance of Franco are the first essentials if the Spaniards want "full and cordial association" with nations which smashed Nazism and Fascism.

There is no intention of interfering in the internal affairs of Spain but the Spanish people are warned that they must work out their own destiny.

The three Governments express the hope that leading and patriotic people in Spain will soon "find the means" to secure the withdrawal of Franco and an end of his regime with the establishment of a caretaker Government under which people may have freedom to choose their own Government and leaders.

IRAN PREMIER'S PROTEST

LONDON, March 4 (Reuter): It is just learned in official Persian quarters here by "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent that M. Ghavam Es Sultaneh, the Persian Prime Minister, made an official protest to the Soviet Government in Moscow when informed of the Soviet intention to maintain troops in parts of Persia.

The Moscow Radio states Generalissimo Stalin received Mr. Ghavam es Sultaneh, the Persian Prime Minister, today.

Four people were injured today in a clash outside the Persian Parliament building where about 3,000 members of the pro-Soviet Tudeh Party demonstrated against the prolonging of the life of the present Parliament.

POLICEMAN DIES OF TODDY-POISONING

BENARES, March 4 (A.P.I.): One police constable died and two others are lying in a precarious condition in the Edward Hospital as a result, it is alleged, of toddy-poisoning.

Un-Christian Legislation

Parsi High Priest Condemns New Laws Against Indians In S. Africa

Interviewed by a representative of the "Chronicle" in regard to the grievances of South African Indians, Mr. Hormuzdiar Kaoji Mirza, the Parsi High Priest of Udwada, said: "I visited South Africa last year and came into contact with a number of prominent Indians. The South African Indian Congress Delegation which arrived in Bombay on Saturday is on a mission to India in connection with a new Bill which the Government of the Union of South Africa propose to introduce in the House of Assembly soon. I contacted Mr. Sorabjee Rustomjee, leader of the delegation, to ascertain events leading up to the present crisis.

I find that the Bill proposed to be introduced is very drastic in its nature, not only limiting the rights of Indians to own and occupy fixed properties, but our people in Natal are to be segregated in demarcated areas. The intended legislation seems to me most un-Christian and is bound to accentuate racial friction between Europeans and Indians.

Indians in South Africa have been law-abiding and peaceful citizens. The history of our people in South Africa has not been a happy one. They undergo numerous disabilities, all due to colour prejudice and trade jealousy on the part of Europeans. One would have thought that with new outlook on world affairs brought about by the War, the mental attitude of the South African Europeans would have undergone a change for the better. But the new legislation in South Africa seems to perpetuate racial hatred and racial feeling which could be avoided by a just and equitable treatment of settled Indian population in South Africa.

As a religious man, all I can do is to appeal to Christian Churches in South Africa, to see that no injustice is done to a defenceless people, who have just as much right as any section of the community to progress economically and socially."

"Military Firing On Citizens Illegal & Unjustified"

City Fathers' Debate On Bharucha's Resolution Demanding Independent Inquiry

A resolution deploring the resort to excessive and indiscriminate use of machine-guns against the citizens of Bombay, demanding an independent inquiry and expressing sympathy to the dependents of the innocent victims, was moved by Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha at a meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation on Monday.

Earlier, the Corporation elected members to the Standing, Improvement and Schools Committees in place of persons who retired or resigned.

Mr. Shivdas Champsey Thakkar was elected unopposed to the Improvements Committee in place of Dr. B. H. Rajadhyaksha, resigned.

Messrs. R. K. Achrekar, M. E. Joshi, Motichand G. Kapadia, V. B. Korgaonkar, Mahomadali S. Maniyar, N. C. Pupala, Khan Saheb Mahomed E. Sarang and K. A. Subramaniam were also elected unopposed to the Improvements Committee.

Mr. D. M. Desai and Mr. P. R. Lele were elected unopposed as non-councillor members of the Schools Committee.

There was however a contest for six seats of councillor members of the Corporation. The following were elected: Mrs. Khadija Shufi Tyebji, Mr. Ganpatishankar Desai, Mr. Y. K. Khadilkar, Dr. B. H. Rajdhyaksha, Mr. Kashi Prasad Singh and Mr. V. B. Worlikar. Mr. M. V. Donde was defeated.

There was also a contest for eight seats on the Standing Committee. The following were elected: Messrs. A. A. Baigmohamed, Chimanlal Manchubhai, D. R. Gharpure, Jamnadas Dwarkadas, V. M. Nagvekar, I. S. Patel, D. V. Pradhan, and Dr. G. R. A. Sheikh, Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar and Mr. M. V. Donde were defeated.

MUNICIPAL THEATRE

A long debate took place once again on the already debated issue of the Municipal Theatre. In answer to a letter from the Maharashtra Natya Sammelan, Nagpur, the Law Revenue and General Purposes Committee recommended that approval be given for the construction of the theatre for which an allotment of Rs. two lakhs had already been made in the Budget and that the Secretary of the Sammelan be informed of the orders. A number of councillors criticised the proposals and it was suggested that the Municipality should build instead a dormitory for those who were now sleeping on the footpaths. The resolution was, however carried by a large majority.

"INDISCRIMINATE" FIRING ON CITIZENS

Having asked for and obtained priority Mr. Naushir Bharucha moved the following resolution:

"That the Corporation while condemning the outbreak of frenzied rioting, arson and looting in the City, in which, they painfully note, a large number of students also participated, deplore that the Military authorities, at several places, should have resorted to excessive and indiscriminate use of machine-guns against the citizens of Bombay, resulting in a tragic loss of over 250 lives and in bullet injuries to over 1,200 persons, most of them innocent citizens going about their lawful business, even making allowance for some loss of innocent lives inevitable on such occasions, the very high casualty figures of the dead and the wounded, betray a sad disregard of care and caution incumbent on authorities in the use of machine-guns in crowded streets of the City.

"That the Corporation therefore request His Worship the Mayor to convey to the Government of Bombay, the Government of India and to the Secretary of State for India, their profound regret at such indiscriminate use of fire-arms against the public of this City, and to demand an independent inquiry into this unfortunate incident.

"That the Corporation convey their sympathy to the dependents of innocent victims of firing, in their bereavement, and hope the Government will duly compensate them for their loss."

In moving the resolution Mr. Bharucha said that the action of the military was in many instances illegal and unjustified. He cited one instance when at the junction of the Kalbadevi Road and Picket Road the military arrived and although everything was normal opened fire on the people in the streets. He further said that the order to shoot at sight anybody trying to build a barricade amounted to the Executive usurping the powers of the Legislature, creating a new offence and carrying out execution without trial. He was anxious not to say anything which would aggravate matters but he wanted a thorough inquiry so that principles of action might be laid down and there may be no repetition of such indiscriminate acts of shooting.

The debate will be continued at the next meeting.

All Troops Withdrawn From Bombay

Four Boards Of Inquiry Into R. I. N. Mutiny Begin To Work

BOMBAY, March 4 (API): A joint press communique issued by Advance Headquarters Southern Command at 18-00 hours to-day says:—

"Four boards of enquiry have begun to sit in connection with the recent R.I.N. mutiny. Each is composed of a president (from the R.I.N.) and two members one of whom is an Indian Army officer of the rank of Major or Lieutenant-Colonel. The presidents are drawn from R.I.N. establishments which were not affected by the mutiny.

Two more boards will begin to sit to-morrow.

General Lockhart to-day visited Himi naval camp at Mulund where men suspected of having taken an active part in the mutiny have been segregated. The men in the camp who had fallen in by divisions, sprang to attention when the Army Commander entered the camp. He talked to many of the men concerning their age, length of service, Home District and such other personal matters. General Lockhart also spoke to the British and Indian Officers of the camp.

General Lockhart also inspected a detachment of the Mahratta Light Infantry who formed part of the guard. He spoke to the V.C.O.s. and some of the men.

All troops have been withdrawn from Bombay city."

BOMBAY BAR DEMANDS INQUIRY INTO FIRING

A meeting of the Bombay Bar Association, held in the High Court on March 1, passed the following resolution:—

"This meeting of the Bombay Bar Association views with grave concern the serious loss of life and injuries suffered by innumerable persons as a result of the firing by the Police and the Military Authorities during the recent disturbances in Bombay. This meeting of the Association is, therefore, of opinion that an impartial tribunal be set up presided over by a judge of the High Court to investigate into the legality and propriety of the action taken by the Authorities concerned and to report on the same."

PRESSMEN VISIT CASTLE BARRACKS AND H.M.S. "NARBADA"

Impressions Of Ratings At Work: "Kitchen Needs Thorough Purge"

BOMBAY, Monday.

Representatives of the local press, on the invitation of Capt. Jeffrey of the Inter-Services Public Relations Department, this morning visited Castle Barracks and H.M.I.S. "Narbada" (on sea) and saw for themselves naval ratings at work. While good discipline is being maintained, the ratings at work in the various spots bore unmistakable evidence of the recent upheavals. Many of them put on a very face and refused to chat with the pressmen, raising many doubts in the latters' minds.

The visitors saw about 20 ratings kept in a strong room. The Executive Officer explained that these men had nothing to do with the recent 'mutiny.'

The general kitchen at the Castle Barracks obviously needs swift import of hygienic sense. It was literally stinking and one cannot imagine how any decent human being could consume food cooked therein. The authorities concerned would do well to give the kitchen a thorough purge.

The bath-rooms were equally unclean and need immediate overhaul.

Though the pressmen could get nothing tangible from the ratings for obvious reasons—on the Canteen notice board there was a stern warning to the ratings not to jostle with pressmen—it was not far difficult to see that the naval ratings anything but enjoy their lot.

On H.M.I.S. 'Narbada' the newspapermen were shown the many intricate aspects of a man-of-war.

Begumpet I.A.F. Men Resume Work

HYDERABAD (Dn), March 4 (A. P. I.): "It is learnt from authoritative sources that the Indian Air Force men including trainees stationed at Begumpet aerodrome are working today and are not on strike.

It is also learnt that no cut in pay was imposed on those who struck work recently to express sympathy with the R.I.N. ratings."

Col. Lakshmi In Delhi

Says Happy To Be Back In India

NEW DELHI, March 4. (A. P. I.): Lt.-Col. Lakshmi of the Rani of Jhansi Regiment arrived at the Wellingdon Airport this evening.

She was given a warm reception at the aerodrome by a gathering of I.N.A. men, local Congressmen, and members of the Delhi Women's League.

Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan, her mother, who was meeting her after an interval of about five and a half years, went into the plane to receive her and presented her with a bunch of roses. They both stepped out of the plane wreathed in smiles and were greeted with cries of 'Jai Hind' and 'Inquilab Zindabad.'

Col. Lakshmi, who wore the uniform of the Rani of Jhansi Regiment, acknowledged the greeting with a salute.

Col. Lakshmi will be in Delhi for about a week and then leave for Madras to meet her grandmother.

Col. Lakshmi arrived in Calcutta yesterday afternoon and left for Delhi this morning. Asked how she eluded the press while in Calcutta she playfully remarked, "I am smarter than the Press." She said she was very, very happy to be back in India.

Among those present at the aerodrome were Mr. Sehgal, of the I. N. A., Lala Deshband Gupta and Mr. J. K. Khanna of the Delhi Provincial Congress Committee.

EARLIER.

CALCUTTA, March 4 (A.P.I.): Dr. Lakshmi Swaminathan, formerly of the I.N.A., arrived by R.A.F. plane in Calcutta yesterday evening and left for Delhi this afternoon by an Indian National Airways plane.

A telegram was received here yesterday afternoon from Mrs. Ammu Swaminathan from Delhi saying that her daughter Captain Lakshmi would be reaching here in the evening and she desired that till her departure for Delhi, Captain Lakshmi's movements should be kept absolutely secret. Immediately on receipt of the telegram, Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose's nephew, Mr. Ranjit Kumar Bose and Pradip Kumar Bose, accompanied by their two sisters Sheela and Lalita, proceeded to Dum Dum to escort Captain Lakshmi to Calcutta.

The plane landed at Dum Dum at half past four in the afternoon, and Capt. Lakshmi arrived in the city a little before 6 p.m straight from the airport. She went to the Marine Garden Court, residence of her brother Krishnan Swaminathan, but could not meet him as he had left Calcutta in the morning. Later, she drove to the residence of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose where she stayed for the night.

BOMBAY GOVTS NEW HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT

A scheme for the construction of an Hydro Electric Project at Bhandardara-cum-Randha has been sanctioned by the Government of Bombay, at a cost of Rs. 899 lakhs

The scheme provides for utilisation of water impounded in lake Arthur Hill at Bhandardara for generating electric power without interfering with irrigation.

The scheme will supply a firm load of 16,000 kilowatts. In addition to this, extra-seasonal or intermittent power up to 10,000 kilowatts will also be available

POLICE OPEN FIRE ON CHEYYAR MOB

MADRAS, March 4 (A.P.I.): One man was killed as the result of police firing on an unruly mob yesterday, at Cheyyar, North Arcot District.

According to a telegram received by the Government of Madras from the District Magistrate, North Arcot, a mob of about 4,000 people attacked the Taluk Supply Office at Cheyyar with the result, the Taluk Supply Officer was injured Police opened fire to disperse the crowd and one man was killed.

The District Magistrate has proceeded to the spot.

DEVOTEES OF ART SOCIETY—This Society has been formed at Matunga with a view to giving a fillip to the Art of acting and promoting the histrionic talents of the humble but faithful devotees of Art.

Membership fee is Re. 1 per mensem and an entrance fee of annas eight. Members are given the opportunity to attend all the dramas staged by this society free. It is proposed to enact three dramas this year, of which one may be in English. The first drama will be 'Patri Bakthi' which will be put on the boards on the 10th inst. at the Khalsa College Hall, Matunga.

THIS IS NOT A PROSPECTUS BUT AN ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY

Consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this issue under Defence of India Rule 94-A by an Order of which a complete copy is open to public inspection at the Head Office of the Company. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any scheme or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinions expressed with regard to them.

(A COPY OF THE PROSPECTUS HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE REGISTRAR, JOINT STOCK COMPANIES, BOMBAY).

(The Subscription list will open on the 1st day of March 1946 and will be closed not less than 15 days therefrom at the discretion of the Directors.)

WESTERN INDIA VEGETABLE PRODUCTS LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Indian Companies Act VII of 1913).

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... ... Rs. 50,00,000
ISSUED CAPITAL ... ... Rs. 17,00,000

Divided into 17,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 100 each.
Present Issue Rs. 8,00,000 divided into 8,000 Ordinary shares of Rs. 100 each.

TERMS OF PAYMENT.

With application Rs. 25 per share and further Rs. 25 per share, to be deposited for allotment,
and
The balance of Rs. 50 per share in one or more calls at the discretion of the Directors.

Out of the said 17,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 100 each the Directors and their friends have agreed to take up 8,000 ordinary shares of Rs. 100 each aggregating Rs. 8,00,000. The remaining 9,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 100 each are now offered for public subscription.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

1. MOHAMED HUSEIN HASHAM PREMJI (Chairman), (Rice Merchant & Commission Agent) 5, Ghoga Street, Fort, Bombay. President of the Indian Merchants Chamber, Bombay
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Imperial Bank of India, etc.,
3. MR. PRANLAL DEVKARAN NANJEE, (Banker), Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, Director, Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co. Ltd.
The Hindusthan Sugar Mills Ltd., etc.
4. SIR BEHRAM N KARANJIA, (Silk Merchant), 17-19, Bomanji Master Road, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay. Director, The Union Bank of India Ltd.
The Indian Radio & Cable Communications Co., Ltd., etc.
5. MR. RATILAL MULJI GANDHI, Hanuman Building, Tamba Kanta, Pydhownie, Bombay. Director, The Oil Seeds Trading Co., Ltd.
The Bhavnagar Vegetable Products Ltd., etc.
6. MR. RATANSEY KARSONDAS VISSANJI, Wallace Street, Fort, Bombay, Director, The Wallace Flour Mills Co. Ltd.
The Ambica Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., etc.
7. RAO BAHADUR DEWJEE TOKERSEE MOOLJI, (Rice Merchant), 71, Bazargate Street, Fort, Bombay. Director, Bombay Silk Mills Ltd.
The Ballarshah Timber Syndicate Ltd., etc.
8. MR. GANGARAM VALLABHJI, Merchant, 5 Ghoga Street, Bombay.

MANAGING AGENTS.

Messrs. Hasham Premji, 5 Ghoga Street, Fort, Bombay.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. N. M. Raiji & Co., 22 Apollo Street Fort. Bombay.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs. Ardesir Hormusji Dinshaw & Co., 113, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.

REGISTERED OFFICE.

5, Ghoga Street, Fort, Bombay.

BANKERS.

Imperial Bank of India, United Commercial Bank Ltd., Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co. Ltd., and National Bank of India Ltd.

OBJECTS.

The Company has been formed generally for the objects specified in the Memorandum and more particularly for the manufacture and sale of Vegetable ghee for which there is a heavy demand in India.

Arrangements for acquiring land and buildings and putting up construction are in hand and it is expected that the factory will commence operation within 6 or 7 months. The necessary import licenses have been obtained and arrangements have been made for importing a plant with a guaranteed daily capacity of 10 tons. The factory is to be put up at Amainer, which, in the Directors' opinion, is an ideal site for such a factory as it is a large centre for ground-nuts and it will have also a considerable advantage as compared with factories elsewhere in view of saving in transport costs.

MINIMUM SUBSCRIPTION.

The minimum subscription upon which the Directors may proceed to allotment is shares of the face value of Rs. 9,00 000 Messrs. Hasham Premji have underwritten the same without charging any underwriting commission subject only to payment of brokerage as follows:

BROKERAGE

The Directors have decided to pay brokerage at rates not exceeding 1 per cent to recognised brokers or bankers on applications received through them or bearing their stamp.

MANAGEMENT.

By Agreement dated 22nd January 1946 and made between the Company of the one part and Mr. Mohamed Husein Hasham Premji the sole proprietor of the firm of Messrs. Hasham Premji of the other part the said Messrs. Hasham Premji have been appointed Managing Agents of the Company for a period of 20 years on a commission of 12 1/2 per cent on the net annual profits of the Company as defined in S. 87 C (3) of the Indian Companies Act on the terms and conditions contained in the said Agreement which is open for inspection at the registered office of the Company.

APPLICATIONS FOR SHARES.

Applications for shares should be forwarded to the Registered Office of the Company at 5 Ghoga Street, Fort, Bombay or to the Bombay head Offices of Imperial Bank of India, United Commercial Bank Limited, Devkaran Nanji Banking Co. Ltd. and National Bank of India Ltd. with Rs. 50 per share. If the shares applied for are wholly or partly not allotted, the whole or part of the deposit as the case may be will be refunded.

Prospectus and Forms of application can be obtained from the Registered Office of the Company or from the Company's Bankers at their Bombay Head Offices.

APPLICATION FORM.

To
The Directors of Western India Vegetable Products Ltd., Bombay.

Gentlemen,

I/We send herewith the sum of Rs. being a deposit of Rs. 50 per share for application and allotment moneys on Ordinary Shares in the abovenamed Company and request you to allot me/us the said number of shares subject to the terms of the Company's Memorandum and Articles of Association and Prospectus and I/We agree to accept the said shares or any smaller number that may be allotted to me/us subject as aforesaid. I/We agree to pay the balance due in respect of the said shares as and when called up and I/We authorise you to register me/us as holder/holders of the shares allotted to me/us.

Signature———
NAME IN FULL———
(In block letters)———
Occupation———
Address in full———
Date———

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(A copy of the statement in lieu of prospectus has already be en filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies).

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(Incorporated under the Indian Companies Act of 1913).

AUTHORISED CAPITAL

Divided into:—

75,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 10|- each - - - Rs. 7,50,000|-
2,500 (5¼% participating cumulative preference shares of Rs. 100|- each). - - - - Rs. 2,50,000|-
Rs. 10,00,000|-

PRESENT ISSUE

50,000 Ordinary shares of Rs. 10|- each payable as Rs. 5|- with application and Rs. 5|- on allotment - Rs. 5,00,000|-

Allotted to Directors, Managing Agents and their friends.

15,000 Ordinary shares of Rs. 10|- each - - - Rs. 1,50,000|-

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35,000 Ordinary shares of Rs. 10|- each - - - - Rs. 3,50,000|-

SHARES AMOUNTING LESS THAN Rs. 100|- SHALL NOT BE ALLOTTED

Subscription list is open and will be closed according to the discretion of the board of directors.

DIRECTORS:

1. Mr. N. C. CHUNDER, Attorney-at-Law, Director, India Collective Firms Ltd., Basanti Cotton Mills Limited, National Iron & Steel Co., Ltd., etc. etc. 6, Old Post Office Street, Calcutta.

2. Mr. B. SEN GUPTA, President, Indian Journalists Association Managing Director and Managing Editor, The United Press of India Limited, 73, Satish Mookherjee Road, Calcutta.

3. Dr. A. K. ACHARYA, Medical Practitioner, Director, Bengal Canning and Condiments Works Limited, 12, Earl Street, Calcutta.

4. Mr. K. C. DUM, Engineer and Contractor, 126A, Lansdowne Road, Calcutta.

5. Mr. JAMINI SARKAR, Merchant and Landlord; 35|2, Beadon Street, Calcutta.

6. Mr. S. K. DEY (Ex-Officio), Merchant, Partner, Mill Stores & Cotton Co., 14, Clive Street, Calcutta.

7. Mr. S. R. MOTAYED (Ex-Officio), Merchant, Partner, Mill-Stores & Cotton Co. 14, Clive St., Calcutta.

MANAGING AGENTS:

Messrs. Bengal Euterprisers Ltd., 14, Clive Street, Calcutta.

REGISTERED OFFICE:

14, Clive Street, Calcutta.

BANKERS:

The Comilla Union Bank Limited,
Habib Bank Limited,
The Calcutta Commercial Bank Limited.

OBJECTS:

The Company has been formed to carry out the objects set forth in the Memorandum of Association and in particular to carry on the business of Piggery, Dairy, Large scale cultivation of indigenous herbs for manufacturing drugs and medicines, fishery, poultry, horticulture, etc. To keep pace with the economic life of the country and to meet her demand for more food and better food, the company has taken up agricultural enterprises in their different branches. The company has drawn a comprehensive scheme to start a large scale dairy and fishery industry which has got enough scopes in our country. Moreover, the company, along with the above scheme, has got a plan to start a canning industry and also to manufacture Ayurvedic Medicines.

To execute the above schemes, the company has been fortunate in securing from Messrs. Mill Stores & Cotton Co., the vendors, 600 bighas of land at an average price of Rs. 120|- per bigha in one plot within 50 miles from Calcutta situated on the main B. A. Rly. line. The farm of the company is also accessible by a motor road right from Calcutta. The company has prospected at length the scope of extending its business after carrying out the initial programmes. For this purpose the company is already negotiating with the local landlords and other influential persons and has already acquired land to the extent of another 1000 bighas contiguous with the present plot. The most important fact to note is that the income of the company is not subject to excess profit tax, nor to corporation tax or supertax. The agricultural income-tax when payable will be only -|2|-6 in a rupee considering from all these points, the directors of the company hope that a handsome dividend may be given to the shareholders in course of a year or two.

MANAGEMENT:

An agreement has been entered into with Messrs. Bengal Euterprisers Ltd. appointing them as first Managing Agent of the company. A copy of the agreement may be inspected at the registered office of the company.

BROKERAGE:

Brokerage will be paid to bonafide brokers at the rate of 5|- for procuring subscription for both classes of company shares on application bearing their stamps.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES:

Application for shares should be made on the form used for the purpose which can be obtained from the Registered Office of the company and sent to the Managing Agents or the company's bankers along with the remittance of the amount payable.

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Sunrise: 6.56 a.m. Sunset: 6.45 p.m.
Hightide: 00-58, 13.12.
Lowtide: 07 08, 19-04.

Today's Engagements

BYCULLA DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE: Acharya Atre, Mr. Appa Saheb Khadilkar and others will address a public meeting at 6-30 p.m. to-day, at Makba Building Compound near Byculla Station Dellsle Road, in connection with Bombay Provincial Assembly Elections. Dr. M. D. D. Gildar, Dr. Jivaraj Menta and Mr. Narayanrao Kajrolkar, who have been set up as Congress candidates will be present.

DADAR GUJRATI MANDAL: The Shah Hindu Charitable Dispensary has been transferred from Abdul Rehman Building, Opp. Plaza Cinema, to Palan Sojpal Building, Portuguese Church Street, Dadar (G. B. & C. I.), and will be open for patients between 4 and 6 p.m., on week days and 8 and 10 a.m., on Sundays.

GAUDIYA MISSION: The sixth annual general meeting of the members of Gaudiya Mission (Regd.) will be held at 8-30 a.m., on Sunday, March 17, 1946, (Sri Gour Janmotsav day) at Sri Chitanya Math, P. O. Sree Mayapur, Dt. Nadia (Bengal).

CRICKET CLUB OF INDIA: The Club decided to hold a meeting of Secretaries of various Cricket Clubs of Bombay, at the Governor's Pavilion, Cricket Club of India, on 15th March, at 5.30 p.m., for arranging Cricket Fixtures for the ensuing Cricket season.

GATHA SOCIETY MEETING: Mr. S. N. Kanga will deliver a lecture on "Spenta Mainyu", at Cama Oriental Institute, Apollo Street, at 6 p.m., to-day.

BOMBAY HINDI VIDYAPEETH: The Vidyapeeth examinations, which were postponed will be held on March 9, 10, 11 and 12.

ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN INDUSTRIES: The Third Quarterly General Meeting of our Association which was to take place on February 27, has been postponed to 5-30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 6. The venue and the Agenda of the meeting remain the same.

SACRIFICIAL SPINNING: There was a Sacrificial Spinning in Matunga to celebrate Sati Kasturba Day, on Saturday the 2nd at 5.30 p.m. About 30 spinners, both men and women participated. The function terminated after prayer and silence for two minutes.

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL MUSLIM LEAGUE: Members of the South Africa Delegation were welcomed by Mr. Ahmed A. Patel, and Mr. M. O. Kokil, Honorary Joint Secretaries, on behalf of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League at the Majestic Hotel.

N. Kanara Village Uplift Association

A public meeting of North Kanarites residing in Bombay and Suburbs and friends of the district will be held to-morrow (Wednesday), at 6-15 p.m., in the Blavatsky Lodge, near French Bridge, Chowpatty, to consider the question of expanding the activities of the Association. Among the speakers will be Kaka Kalelkar, specially invited for the occasion, Sjts. Vaikunth L. Mehta, Dinkar Desai, Adam Adil and Shankerrao Gulvadi.

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

General Constituency: A.B.C.D. Wards

Congress Candidates	Symbols
(1) Bhawanji Arjui Khimji	Scales
(2) Homi Rustomji Pardiwala	Tree
(3) Sayaji Laxman Silam	Cart

PRIMARY TEACHERS MINIMUM WAGE

The Government of Bombay has directed all local authorities in Bombay Province to raise the minimum pay of primary teachers from Rs. 15 to Rs. 20 a month from March 1, 1946, i.e., pay for February payable in March.

The minimum pay which primary teachers in the employ of local authorities receive at present is Rs. 15 a month, which the Government considers as inadequate minimum wage.

FIRE IN CITY MILL

BOMBAY, Monday.

A fire broke out at 12 p. m. today in the blow room chimney of the Elphinston Mills causing damages of about Rs. 20,000.

Nine fire fighters which rushed the scene from different fire Brigade stations in the city brought the fire under control within half an hour.

The cause of the fire is not known.

Khurshid Begum Passes Away

Mrs Khurshid Begum Munshi Abbas Alley, the wife of the well-known poet and dramatist the late Munshi Abbas Alley Sahib, breathed her last at her residence in Noor Bagh. Body was buried in the Tad Wadi cemetery.

Mrs. Khurshid Begum after serving in Bhopal and Janjira States took great interest in dramatic companies and cine-film business and towards that encouragement she gave her all. Her books in Urdu and Hindi on scientific singing art and poetry are well-known.

SARDAR TO VISIT BARDOLI

(From Our Correspondent)

SURAT, March 4

It is reliably learnt that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel will visit Bardoli on the 8th instant. He will alignt at Navsari station and drive to Bardoli where he will stay for a day or two.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

TUESDAY, March 5.

BOMBAY—1.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)—8.0 a.m. News (H) 8-15 News (E) 8.30 Ali Husain and Party 8.50 News (M) 9-0 News (G) 9-10 Radha Krishna Pado 9.30 Azmat Husain. 12.0 Break for Lunch 12-45 News (M) 12-50 News (G) 12.55 News (H) 1.0 Modern Gujarati Garbas 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Music 4.20 School Broadcast 5.0 Ali Husain and Party 5-15 Kavita Vachan 5.30 Govindaram Marwadi 5.45 Topical Talk 5.55 Locals 6-0 Forces Programme 6.30 News (E) 6.40 News (H) 6.45 Krishna Kulkarni 7-0 Sukh Dukh Na Sathi 7.30 Vijay Desai 8.0 Payshacha Vinimaya 8-15 News (M) 8.30 News (G) 8-45 "Mehtarani Ho Ke Rani Gungunaegi Zuroor" 9-0 News (H) 9.15 News (E) 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 9-40 Programme Parade 9.45 Home and Factory 10.0 Shanti Interlude 10-35 Mantzari Mavricakis Interlude 10.50 Goody Seerval.

Mr. B. G. JACK

We regret very much to announce the sad death of Mr. B. G. Jack, the founder and proprietor of the well-known firm Messrs B. G. Jack & Co., Bombay 4, occurred at his Sandhurst Road residence on Saturday last at 8-30 p.m. a victim of heart failure. The deceased leaves a big family and a large circle of friends.

ALEC HIGGINS IN COURT

Suspected To Be Involved In Doping Cases

BOMBAY, March 4.

Alec Higgins, ex-trainer, and international horse-breeder with stud farms in Australia, New Zealand and England, was produced before Mr. F. D. Kanga, at the Esplanade Court today, by Inspector Hampton of the General Branch of the C.I.D.

In putting up the "wizard among trainers", as he was described by racing correspondents generally before his being warned off the race course for suspected malpractices, Inspector Hampton said that they had reasons to suspect that Alec Higgins was implicated in the doping cases, which caused a series of sensations both in the last Poona season and the present Bombay season.

It was stated that certain other men who were already under arrest had made statements which implicated Higgins.

The Magistrate directed that the accused continue on the Rs. 1,000 bail on which the police had already released him.

B. E. S. T. CO. RESPONDS TO CHAGLA'S APPEAL

40 Dismissed Workers To Be Reinstated

The General Secretary of the B. E. S. T. Workers' Union, writes:—

"In response to the appeal of Mr. Justice Chagla for amicable relations between the B. E. S. and T. Co., Ltd., and its employees, the Company's management has been good enough to make a liberal gesture by re-instating nearly 40 workers who were dismissed as a result of the Strike in April 1945.

The dismissed workers who are out of Bombay are hereby requested to return to Bombay soon so as to resume their duties in the Company as early as possible."

B. E. S. T. WORKERS UNION: A meeting of the Executive Committee of the B. E. S. T. Workers' Union will be held at the Union Office to-day (Tuesday), at 9-30 p.m.

PURDY CASE ECHO

High Court's Order On Custody Of Stolen Property

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Weston)

Emperor

vs.

1. Murray Gow Purdy,
2. Edward Dennis Gee .... Accused

In this case in which the accused had been convicted and sentenced by his lordship last month for robbery, an application under section 517 of the Criminal Procedure Code was made to his lordship on Monday for the disposal of the property which was the subject matter of the robbery. The property in question seized by the police and now in the custody of the Court consisted of sovereigns, currency notes and American dollars of the total value of Rs. 1,80,000. Counsel for the complainants H. B. Shah and Co. and for Lloyds Underwriters applied that the property be handed over to either of his clients. Counsel for the applicants stated that Lloyds had paid the full amount to the complainants and had been subrogated to all the rights of the complainants in the property robbed.

Counsel for the accused submitted that the property seized by the police was not the identical property stolen by the accused and should be handed over to the accused to whom it belonged.

Counsel for the Crown objected to the property being handed over to the accused who had been convicted of robbery but submitted that they had no objection to the property being handed over to Lloyds on condition that it should be produced whenever required, because a civil suit had been filed in the High Court by the complainants against the two accused and one Jaisinghlal Mansukhlal Jhaveri against whom a criminal prosecution for receiving the stolen property was still pending.

His lordship ordered that all the property in question, except Rs. 34,000 in currency notes recovered from the said Jaisinghlal, be handed over to Lloyds on their undertaking to keep it intact in specie and to produce it as ordered by the High Court in suit No. 281 of 1946. His lordship directed that the currency notes recovered from Jaisinghlal be kept with the Chief Presidency Magistrate pending disposal of the charge against Jaisinghlal.

Mr. P. B. Vachha instructed by Messrs. Crawford Bayley and Co. appeared for the applicants H. B. Shah and Co. and Lloyds Underwriters.

Mr. M. J. Gordhandas appeared for both accused.

Sir Hormuzdyar Dastur and Mr. J. C. Forbes instructed by the Public Prosecutor appeared for the Crown.

THANA CONGRESSMAN ASSAULTED

Kher's Appeal To Authorities To Ensure Peace During Elections

BOMBAY, March 4 (A.P.I.)—Mr. B. G. Kher, former Premier of Bombay has issued the following statement: "I have just received a message that when Mr. P. V. alias Bhausaheb Paranjpe who is seeking election to the Thana (North) Constituency was returning to Ambarnath after attending a meeting at Kalyan which I addressed last evening, he was severely assaulted with lathis, etc., by seven or eight persons. Another Congress candidate of the Scheduled Class, Mr. Gavle has been threatened. I cannot too strongly condemn these acts of hooliganism which are intended to prevent the free exercise of the right of voting. It is not difficult to guess who must be inciting or encouraging such acts. I hope the authorities will make enquiries and make adequate arrangements to prevent such occurrences and see that elections are held in a peaceful atmosphere."

W. I. Tennis

SINGLES TITLE FOR NARENDRA NATH

Miss Laura Woodbridge Claims Two Titles

BOMBAY, Monday.

The expectations that Mehta's supporters cherished of his winning the triple crown were mercilessly shattered on Monday evening when he failed to clinch even a single title to-day. His failure can be largely explained by his physical condition which was far from normal. He actually fainted at the end of the day when prizes were being distributed and his fatigue and exhaustion could be seen from the very first match. The strain of playing two matches and many times even three during the day probably told on his health.

Few, if any, anticipated the ease with which Narendra Nath would win his coveted laurel on his first appearance in Bombay. His driving, and particularly his passing Mehta at the nets, was brilliant and earned for him quite a few points. Mehta, was making too many mistakes and playing far below form succumbed to Narendra Nath after surviving two match points—one when he was down 2-5 and 30-40.

In the other final of the singles event Mrs. Dyal proved too much for her old rival Miss Laura Woodbridge and won her title at the cost of only two games, with a love set into the bargain. Her irresistible forehand was once again too much for her opponent who could offer no effective resistance.

In the mixed finals Mehta and Miss Merchant lost the first set, Mehta again not playing well. But the ultimate winners had the mortification of seeing the second step away, partly due to slackness and partly because Miss Woodbridge struck a bad patch. In the decider Miss Merchant and Mehta were actually leading at 3-2 when Irshad drew level and put the issue of the match beyond doubt.

The following are the results:—

Men's singles final—Narendra Nath beat J. M. Mehta 6-3 6-3.

Women's singles final—Mrs. Dyal beat Miss L. Woodbridge 6-2 6-0.

Mixed doubles final—Miss Woodbridge and Irshad Hussein beat Miss Merchant and J. M. Mehta 6-2 2-6 6-3.

C.C.I. TENNIS STARTS

BOMBAY, Monday.

The C.C.I. Tennis Tournament started this morning and a very crowded programme of the first round of the top half of men's singles was decided. Play, will, however, take place in the evenings in the future and to-day the first round of the bottom half of the tournament will be decided. Play will commence at 3-45 in the evening.

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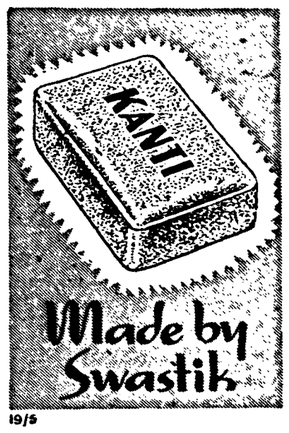

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ALL INDIA WEATHER

POONA March 4. (A. P. I.): Following is the weather chart recorded at 09-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 4th March, 1946 :—

Ahmedabad 66 61 0 0 minus 0.3, Ahmednagar 91 62 0 0.3 minus 1.4, Allahabad 89 59 0 2.5 plus 0.3, Amraoti 95 64 0 0.5 minus 1.5, Bangalore 91 65 0 0.7 minus 3.0 Baroda 87 50 0 0.3 —, Bhopal 87 60 0 0 minus 1.6, BOMBAY 86 68 0 0.4 minus 0.5, Calcutta 94 70 0 — minus 2.0, Cherrapunji 65 51 0 1.5 minus 4.9 Colombo 88 74 0.2 10.8 plus 14.0, Delhi 77 55 0 0.4 minus 2.0, Hyderabad (Dn) 79 69 0 4.8 plus 2.7, Hyderabad (Sd.) nil Indore 85 57 0 0.1 minus 1.2, Karachi 79 61 0 0.1 minus 1.2, Lahore 70 51 0.1 1.0 minus 1.7, Madras 92 73 0 17.4 minus 3.8, Mahableshwar 60 61 0 0 minus 2.1, Mangalore 88 75 0 4.8 plus 1.3, Mysore 90 68 0 3.1 minus 0.4, Nagpur 97 66 0 1.2 minus 1.2, Poona 91 57 0 0.2 minus 1.2, Ratnagiri nil, Sholapur 97 63 0 0.1 minus 2.0, Simla 46 31 0.2 2.5 minus 5.1, Srinagar 49 36 0.1 5.0 minus 2.9, Surat 84 61 0 0 minus 0.6.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The golden rule of conduct is mutual toleration, seeing that we will never all think alike and we shall always see Truth in fragment and from different angles of vision.

—Mahatma Gandhi.

The Bombay Chronicle

BE PREPARED

Sardar Vallabhbhai's election speech on Sunday and several other recent speeches by Congress leaders seem to be alternating warning to British Government with diplomatic gestures. But Congress attitude must necessarily change with circumstances and needs to be clearly known to all concerned. There need be no doubt that as Government has sought negotiations for a peace and will soon send a peace mission to India, Congress has suitably responded to the invitation and has repeatedly urged the people not to create any needless trouble likely to prejudice the negotiations. Congress has done this at the risk of being misunderstood and misrepresented. As a matter of fact Congress is being systematically misrepresented by rival parties and interests as compromising its role of opposition to Government. But Congress has never suggested that opposition where and when necessary should be in the least compromised. In the Sardar's picturesque language, the British have agreed to quit India and have even asked for our assistance in quitting; so we are only quietly helping them to roll up their bedding and pack their baggage and are willing to escort them to their waiting ships. But if they refuse to quit on any excuse we shall have to "catch them by the ears and help them out of the country". The more ebullient Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru puts it thus: "We have put severe restraint on ourselves. But if the British Cabinet mission fails to solve the pressing problem, a political earthquake of devastating intensity would sweep the entire country." These are not threats but plain statements of inevitable results of Britain's failure to make a settlement with India.

Nor can such statements be said to be unnecessary when responsible men like Lord Halifax throw, by suggestion, difficulties in the way of the Cabinet Mission. In his latest statement on India Lord Halifax suggests that the transfer of power to India is neither immediate nor complete but that its nature and time are conditional on the possibility of its being made "in good order, if that is humanly possible". The big "if" is made clear enough in the following words:

"It is possible only if the responsibility passed direct into the hands of an Indian Government accepted by those over whom it aspires to rule and able to hold together the frame-work of the State while the new machine is being run in. So, the British ask that there should be such a Government ready to come forward and take over before the transfer is actually made. This explains why we cannot lay our responsibility down before somebody is ready to pick it up."

These conditions are sought to be justified on the grounds, among others, that the British have pledged themselves to the Indian minorities that "they would not be compelled to accept any constitution the authority of which they are not willing to recognise" and that Britain, having been a guardian and trustee of India for 200 years, thinks it her final duty to see that the trust is wound up in accordance with the ward's best interest". It is characteristic of British policy to make any transfer of power conditional on the wishes of the minorities created and pampered by it and to make Britain the judge of India's best interests. But Indians repudiate these claims, less on the ground that the Cripps offer, which we are told, still stands, makes no mention of them than on the ground that Indians will not accept anything less than immediate and unconditional transfer of power. The question of minorities is an internal one and it is for the Constituent Assembly to solve it and also to decide what are the best interests of India.

However, it is clear that a number of British interests will not scruple to throw difficulties in the way of a settlement as desired by India. Those interests must be effectively opposed and that can be best done by Congress. It is, therefore, the obvious duty of the people to support it in every way. Just at present it is the duty as well as a privilege of voters to continue to give their solid support to the Congress candidates. As Sardar Vallabhbhai has pointed out: "We must prepare for that final struggle, if it is forced on us. We shall use the Assemblies and Councils also in this preparations. We will create a situation which will make the withdrawal of the British power inevitable".

Princes And The Constituent Assembly

The talks between Gandhiji and H. H. the Nawab of Bhopal must, it is obvious, have been mainly in connection with the role of the Princes in the solution of the Indian constitutional problem with the approach of the British Cabinet Delegation's visit to India and the convening of the Constituent Assembly the question of the States, part in the Assembly has become urgent. Who is to choose the States' representatives? The States' people naturally wish that they themselves should elect them according to some democratic procedure. But in his recent address to the Princes' chamber the Viceroy, while expressing his desire that the States should fully participate in the deliberations of the Constituent Assembly, declared that the States' delegates should be the accredited representatives of "Their Highness". This procedure is justly resented by the States' people. For instance, the Working Committee of the Jammu and Kashmir National Conference adopted a resolution a few days ago condemning the procedure not only as "an open and flagrant injustice to the fundamental democratic rights of the people living in the Indian States" but also as "an imprument in the way of the independence of India as a whole". "In such circumstances", the resolution adds, "no decision of any Constituent Assembly shall be binding on the people of any single State unless such decision has been arrived at by the accredited and chosen representations of the people thereof". It will be a workable compromise for the Princes to choose their States' representatives from a panel elected by the people, always acting in consultation with the accredited leaders of the people.

Frankly Speaking

Iran's Difficulties

The Russian decision to stay on has confronted Iran with an unenviable difficulty. The Majlis is in a dilemma. Members have naturally resented, as who would not, the unilateral breach of faith on the part of the Soviet Union. The impulse is to protest publicly and take the matter to the United Nations Organisation. But on the other hand, there is the hard fact that, situated as Iran is, the danger of affronting a determined mighty power is incalculable. There is, therefore, an attempt to negotiate with the Russians on the subject, although actually, in view of the specific undertaking of 1942, reiterated not long ago by M. Molotov, there is nothing to negotiate.

Important Issue

Obviously the Iranians will be obliged, if, indeed, they have not already been obliged, to accept the Russian decision to stay on as a bargaining counter in respect of what has been described by Moscow as "clarification of the situation." We have already said that Russian refusal to evacuate Iran may well prejudice that country's interests in the talks that the Iran Mission has been having in Moscow for a Russo-Iranian Agreement. It is difficult to expect that Qavam-es-Sultaneh will be able to conclude an agreement that will have been freely discussed and consented to and that will have fully safeguarded the territorial, political and economic interests of Iran. Meanwhile, the Russian declaration has conspicuously raised the question of whether any small country has any free, sovereign and honourable future once it attracts the attention of a Big Power. It also raises an important issue for the United Nations Organisation, which is supposed to have been brought into being in order to protect the weak against the strong.

Manchurian Problem

The problem regarding heavy industrial equipment in Manchuria has not only not been clarified but has also actually been further confused amidst American assertions and at least one Soviet denial. The situation has raised important questions which, in the interests of international goodwill, need to be answered clearly and satisfactorily. First, the Russian troops have not evacuated Manchuria as they were due to have done. There may be good reasons for it or there may not. But they have to be explained. Secondly, there is and there can be no question, as to the exclusive right of China to whatever equipment, Chinese or Japanese, that there is in Manchuria. This also needs a clear announcement. The whole problem has now acquired urgent international interest. And it needs to be dealt with thoroughly and satisfactorily on a high Big Power level.

End Of A "Crisis"

Indonesia was, at any rate according to news agency reports, very nearly faced with a crisis. Dr. Sultan Sjahrir had resigned; which fact stimulated all kinds of speculations, wishful as well as genuine. But the Premier has received "an impressive vote of confidence" from the National Central Committee of the Indonesian Nationalist Movement. It now transpires that the whole object was to broaden the bases of the Cabinet in order to include all parties. This is an admirable move because exclusion of strong elements of public opinion, whatever they may be, would tend to weaken rather than strengthen the Movement. There is an insinuation that the entry of "extremists" might be disadvantageous. The "extremists" may be trusted to realise their responsibilities at this crisis in their nation's life. The Cabinet reshuffle, however, is a definite notice to the Dutch that an understanding can be arrived at only on the Nationalist terms of the Indonesian people.

Public Health Report

The proposals of the Health Survey and Development Committee, as briefly summarised for the press, seem to be in the right direction but do not ensure sufficiently rapid progress. Even with regard to the supply of pure water for drinking and domestic purposes, so essential to the maintenance of public health, we are told that "a vigorous policy should be adopted for the development of water supply aiming at providing the entire population with water within 35 years." It is a poor conception of a vigorous policy which needs so many years for the ample provision of the first necessity of life. It is a sound proposition that an India-wide housing programme should give first priority to the needs of the lower income groups of the population, says the Committee and that Governments should be prepared to finance or assist in financing any approved schemes for new housing or housing improvement, whether sponsored by Governments themselves, by local authorities, by co-operative societies or by private interest. It remains to be seen how far Governments will be prepared to finance housing schemes.

Birth Control

Fairly radical and quite welcome are the proposals about birth control. "All of us are agreed", says the report, "that when child-bearing is likely to result in injury to mother or infant, there is every justification for the practice of contraception. In such cases it should be the responsibility of Governments to provide instruction regarding contraception in maternity and child welfare centres, dispensaries, hospitals and any other public institutions which administer medical aid to women. We also consider that the supply of contraceptive requisites should be made, free of cost, by the state to necessitous women when the practice is advocated for reasons of health." These are unexceptionable recommendations. It is true that birth control measures may be abused but that is true of many other good things. Government and the public should see to it that the abuse is minimised.

Loss To Letters

Though he was past his literary prime long since, the death of A. G. Gardiner at 80 marks the passing of one of the greatest English essayists and journalists of modern times. He first came to fame under the pen-name "Alpha of the Plough" and his two books of essays, "Leaves in the Wind" and "Pebbles on the Shore", promptly became literary favourites. Inheriting the tradition of Lamb, Gardiner gave the essay a new breeziness and intimate touch. He can verily be called a twentieth century Lamb, though for some unaccountable reason, Gardiner gradually turned to other literary pursuits. His personality Sketches ("Pillars of Society", "Prophets, Priests and Kings" etc.) combined both the subjective and objective approach and created a new vogue of tabloid biographies. While great as a literary figure, the first and last love of Gardiner was, however, journalism. He belonged to the front rank of British editors and his passion for fairplay and justice remained undimmed to the end. This naturally made him a champion of many lost causes. His literary and journalistic legacy will nevertheless be cherished forever.

REVOLUTIONARY INDIA WON'T BUY BRITISH

Aruna Asaf Ali Reiterates Her Stand

CALCUTTA, March 4 (API):—Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali reiterated her stand with regard to the boycott of British goods in India at students' meeting in the Calcutta University this afternoon and asked the students to fulfil the programme of boycott within three months.

She described all fallacious the argument that boycott of British goods was not feasible immediately, because there was shortage of consumer goods, and said that Revolutionary India would not buy British goods even if there was a real shortage. British export policy was about to overwhelm India's markets with British goods. As a remedy for this, she suggested speedy improvement of village industries and rural reconstruction, which, she regretted, was not being seriously studied by the leaders of the country.

She also urged the people to deal only in those things which could be manufactured in this country. Mrs. Asaf Ali exhorted the students to be organised and to take part in the main currents of political, economic and social forces of the country.

Concluding, Mrs. Asaf Ali emphasised that the Congress was the only fighting organisation in the country, fighting for the common man.

Sind Assembly Budget Session To Open On Mar. 12

KARACHI, March 4 (A.P.I.): According to the programme of the Sind Assembly announced today the budget session of the Assembly will open on March 12 and conclude on March 28. The budget will be presented on the opening day and will be followed by general discussions on March 13 and 14. The voting of demands will take place from March 20 to 27.

Three days have been allotted for Government business and a day for private members business will be fixed later.

The speaker will be elected on March 14.

OSMANIA UNIVERSITY SERIES

Dr. M. Nizamuddin, Head of the Department of Persian and Curator, Compilation and Translation Bureau, Osmania University, Hyderabad-Deccan, gave a talk in the Convocation Hall, Bombay outlining the progress that the Osmania University had made during the past 30 years by adopting an Indian language—Urdu—as the medium of higher instruction and demonstrated this fact by placing before the public Charts and Illustrations. On this occasion 175 select works out of the 500 publications of his Bureau relating to the Faculties of Arts, Law, Science, Engineering, Medicine and Education were exhibited which consisted of standard textbooks prescribed by the Osmania University for the Intermediate, B.A., B.Sc., M.B.B.S. and other Examinations. The range covered by Urdu literature, hitherto unknown to the public, was very wide. It consisted of subjects viz. Philosophy, Islamic History, Indian History, English History, Ancient History, Economics, Political Science, Law, Mathematics, Astronomy, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mechanical, Electrical, Sanitary and other branches of Engineering and Medicine, Anatomy, Physiology, Materia Medica, Hygiene, Pathology, Surgery and other allied subjects. 100,000 Technical Terms covering the above subjects have been compiled by the Bureau and are being revised for publication. All these were on display.

THE ASSEMBLY LAST WEEK

By "A STRANGER IN THE HOUSE"

NEW DELHI (By Airmail).

If the Railway Budget presented to the Assembly by Sir Edward Benthall last week was a humdrum affair, the discussion of the cut motions in that budget this week was equally dry. On Monday the Congress Party concluded their innings, while on Tuesday it was the turn of the Muslim League and on Wednesday of the Europeans and unattached members.

The nature of the interest shown by the various parties and groups was reflected in the topics that they chose for purposes of discussion. The cut motions of the Congress Party, for instance, covered subjects like the grievances of the third class passengers (a hardy annual), the demands of the railway workers, the need for the manufacture of locomotives and waggons in India, and the failure to Indianise the Railway Board and higher railway services. It was pointed out in this connection that even now there was not a single Indian on the Railway Board and only one Indian General Manager. The Muslim League were, of course, interested on the proportion of Muslims employed in the railway services, while the British non-official group raised the question of systematic pilfering on the railways. Mr. Frank R. Anthony, the Anglo-Indian representative, had an interesting motion emphasising the need for granting a minimum monthly wage of Rs. 60 to the lowest cadres in the railway service.

Rail-Road Scheme

The only motion which, however, raised a debate of widespread interest and led to a successful climax was the Muslim League motion for the refusal of supplies for investment in the proposed Road Services. Nawab Siddique Ali Khan moved that the grant of Rs. 3½ crores for the Rail-Road Co-ordination Scheme should be refused in toto. The fact that Provincial Ministries were in process of taking over in the provinces, doubts as to the wisdom of the acceptance by Mr. Bhulabhai Desai and Nawabzada Liaquat Ali Khan of the scheme last year and the way in which attempts had been made in the past twelve months to rush through with the scheme over the heads of the road transport operators, all combined to secure this refusal of supplies. One of the Congress members also pointed to the danger of monopoly, whether nationalised or autonomous, in a country which lags so painfully behind the rest of the world in its transport services, whether by railway or by road, water ways or the air. Sir Edward Benthall complained that the Congress and the League parties had indulged in a 'volte face'. There is substance in that complaint though, as Sir Edward himself conceded, every party has the right to change its mind in a matter of this nature. Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyengar, pleading guilty to this charge, said that the situation of the Opposition members was something like that of a Hindu son who, in a moment of deep emotion at his father's death-bed, undertakes the pious obligation of repaying his debts, but after a few months thinks it over again and decides to query the validity of his indebtedness in a law court! This presumably had reference to the fact that the acceptance of the Rail-Road Co-ordination Scheme by the Congress party last year was largely a result of pressure from the then Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Bhulabhai Desai, who was no longer on the scene.

Budget Speech

When Thursday afternoon arrived and the time came for the Finance Member's Budget Speech, some of the supplementary grants for the railways had still not come before the House. The consideration of these demands had, therefore, to be left over till some time near the end of the present session of the Assembly.

When, after half an hour's break for tea, the House reassembled at 5 o'clock to listen to Sir Archibald Rowlands' speech introducing the Budget, the galleries were full and there were fewer seats vacant on the floor of the House than at any time earlier this week. The sense of drama however, was very soon dispelled as the Finance Member read his address in a quiet and rather monotonous tone and, within a few minutes, several Honourable Members had quite literally gone to sleep, terminating their slumbers only when the announcement of the taxation proposals came at the end of an hour. Pressmen, who already had part-I of the speech in their hands, spent the time meanwhile in casting longing glances at the sealed covers containing part II of the speech which had been placed in their hands with the injunction that the seal was not to be broken till the taxation proposals had been made public on the floor of the House. It is a pity that an occasion for which people are so keyed up every year should savour of an anti-climax. One wonders whether some change in procedure is not possible, such as, for instance, the distribution of the printed speech at the end of the Finance Member's address, which would then be in the nature of an extempore commentary —spoken and not read to the House —which would deal informally with the highlights and the more controversial proposals. Apart from being a relief and boon to listeners, such a change would also be a relief to the Finance Member who is literally exhausted at the end of an hour and half's solid reading.

Sir Archibald Rowlands started off with the remark that it would probably be his last, as it was his first Budget speech, this noble sentiment leading to a certain amount of raising of eyebrows on the part of those members of the Opposition who are rather sceptical of these oft-repeated intentions to quit. It ended with an appeal for co-operation so that he could hand over his office to his Indian successor. Whether or not his appeal that the Budget or, to be more exact, the Finance Bill should not be thrown out on purely political grounds will be responded to by the Opposition parties remains to be seen.

Despite one or two interruptions, the Finance Member's speech was received by Honourable Members with widespread satisfaction. It is true there was little applause, but that was to a large extent due to the fact that Honourable Members had not quite awakened from the boredom of listening to the earlier part of the speech! Sir Archibald, who had expected a round of applause when he announced the abolition of the Excess Profits Tax and the reduction in the lower grades of Income Tax, was taken aback by the absence of response and confessed his disappointment. The House sympathised and gave him a cheer, when a little later he announced a reduction in the duty on kerosene and on petrol,—the Muslim League members, who always make a point of representing the consumer's point of view, showing particular enthusiasm. Though any enthusiasm on the part of the Congress members was not discernible, there is little doubt that no serious attack on the taxation proposals need be expected.

By and large, the Finance Member's thesis that the maintenance and development of industry was the quickest and the most concrete way of sustaining employment and raising the standard of living found wide-spread acceptance. There was a tendency on the part of certain Congress members representing predominantly rural interests to bewail the indifference shown to the cause of the rural masses. They would undoubtedly have liked a reduction of the Salt Tax, in the postal rates, and of excise duties over a range of commodities including such things as vegetable ghee and matches.

An alternative line of criticism, which would perhaps be on a sounder basis, would be that, instead of abolishing the Excess Profit-Tax altogether, Government could have retained it at a very much lower level and the proceeds might have been utilised for the purpose of food subsidies in the provinces. There is no doubt that in the coming twelve months, apart from the absolute shortage of food grains, there will be parts of the country and sections of the people who will not have the purchasing power to buy regularly even the ration of 3/4 lb. of cereals. Subsidies, which would have enabled the distribution of food grains at a lower price than the market price to those most adversely affected, are in such a situation definitely called for.

Taxation Enquiry Committee

One thing that cannot be said about this Budget is that it is insipid and unoriginal. There are many innovations in Sir Archibald's scheme of things and one that would be welcome to all planners is the first step taken to separate the capital budget from the revenue budget. Dr. John Matthai had in an address many months back pointed out that budgeting for twelve months at a time is hardly consistent with planned economy. The Finance Member has taken small steps in that direction and has indicated his acceptance of that thesis. Another proposal which will be widely welcomed is that for the setting up of a Taxation Inquiry Committee which would cover not only Central revenues but also a source of provincial and municipal taxation. So long as land revenue is outside its scope, the Central Budget must remain one which very slightly affects the rural masses. Only a thorough review of the entire field can make possible a reorientation of fiscal policy in the direction of shifting the burden from the shoulders of the poorest layers of our population to those more fitted to take the strain.

MASON CONTRADICTS SLUR ON W.A.C.(I.)S

Waste Of Public Money & Time To Hold Inquiry, He Says

NEW DELHI, March 4 (A.P.I.): The War Secretary, Mr. P. Mason, replied in the Central Assembly today to allegations about the W.A.C. (I) published in the press.

Mr. Mason, in written answers to Mr. Ramayan Prasad and Prof. N. G. Ranga said, "I am glad to have the opportunity of contradicting this slur on a fine corps. I shall be prepared to believe in the authenticity of the letter purported to have been signed by 100 members of the Corps when I have seen the original letter and checked the signatures.

"It is alleged that the supervision was inadequate. All hostels were supervised by officers who were responsible for the well-being of the auxiliaries. There were rules for the admission of visitors. The girls were under orders to be in their barracks by 10 p. m. and lights out by 10-30 p. m. but two late passes were permitted a week to enable them to go to cinemas or dances if they wished. The statement that W. A. C.(I.)s were forced to attend any form of entertainment or compelled to attend dances etc. for the amusement of male officers or British other ranks can only be described as a malicious and incorrect statement.

"RAPE & FORCED MOTHERHOOD"

"The article stated that there had been cases of a number of rape, forced motherhood, abortion, venereal disease and suicide. The facts are that the total strength of the corps was 9,567 on January 1, 1946. Since it was formed in 1942, two alleged cases of rape have been reported to the W.A.C.(I) headquarters.

"In both cases a court martial on the person charged found him not guilty. I am unable to distinguish between forced motherhood and rape. Since December 1944, 65 cases have been reported in W.A.C.(I) personnel who were about to have illegitimate children, a percentage of about 0.7 per cent. It is, however, possible that there may have been a few other cases in which the person concerned obtained discharge on other grounds and did not reveal her condition. With regard to venereal disease, 25 cases have been treated in military hospitals since the corps was formed in 1942. The strength of the General Service Section of the Corps is 2,400 and these women could not attend hospitals except on leave There may have been cases which have not come to light among the 6,000 local service women who live at home and can go to private hospitals. There have been two cases of reported suicide in the history of the Corps. In neither case has the result been fatal."

QUESTION: Are Government aware that Indian officers were not permitted to improve the lot of their subordinates and that they are now 'gagged' by the Defence of India Rules from telling the story except before a proper accredited investigation?

ANS: I think the statements that have appeared in the press are sufficient to show that no one has been gagged.

Mr. Mason said that in view of the facts just explained, and of the decision to disband the Corps, Government considered that it would be a waste of public time and money to hold a public enquiry.

Complaints had been received from time to time and had been investigated as they occurred.

Adjournment Ruled Out

Hydari's Apologia For Cloth Exports & Cutting Down In Ration

NEW DELHI, March 4 (A.P.I.): The President ruled out an adjournment motion tabled by Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar and Mr. Venkatasubba Reddiar (Congress) to discuss the "further cutting down in cloth ration and the continued export of cloth to foreign countries."

During the debate preceding the President's ruling, Mr. Ayyangar referred to a report in "Dawn" that the cloth ration had been reduced from 12 to 9 yards while export of cloth continued.

Sir Akbar Hydari Information Member, speaking for the Commerce Member, said that the reduction applied to Delhi. It was a purely administrative measure taken by the Delhi Administration to make up for the cloth which had been given in the past in excess of the quota.

Export of cloth, he said, was in accordance with the policy announced in 1944, when India's export quota was fixed at 600 million yards as a result of negotiations with His Majesty's Government. This quota had been reduced to 400 million and the exports to which Mr. Ayyanger referred were in fulfilment of that quota. There was nothing new about this.

Mr. Manu Subedar said that in view of the general shortage of cloth in India, he had urged that further export of cloth should be stopped. "Now I find that the need has arisen—and I want Government to deny it if it has not—of giving cloth in return for foodgrains. If there is such a need, is it not time that Government stopped exports to other countries from which we are not importing any food?"

Sir Akbar Hydari said that the export of cloth during the War years had been by arrangement with His Majesty's Government and the reason was that the countries to which the cloth was exported were in very great need of cloth, especially the countries of the Middle East. India required mill stores and spare parts from U.K. to maintain her production and if she refused to co-operate with other United Nations, they would take action against her.

The President ruled out the motion.

KHARE'S ASSURANCE TO T. K. GHOSH

NEW DELHI, March 3 (A.P.I.): Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, President, and Mr. J. N. Sahni, Convener, of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference saw Dr. N. B. Khare Commonwealth Relations Member today regarding the conviction for sedition of Mr. Girdhari Lal Vidyarthi, Editor of the Anglo-Gujarati, "Colonial Times" of Nairobi and Mr. Bansidhar, proprietor of the paper.

Dr. Khare, it is understood assured Mr. Ghosh that he would take up the matter immediately with His Majesty's Government.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

"Today Russia wants security but actually she seems inclined to get this security by insisting upon dominating her neighbours. But in gaining this security, I still hope that Russia will accept, as we have, that the chief hope of the world is in collective security through U.N.O."

—Averell Harriman.

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India, says the London Tory "Daily Telegraph", is free to choose her course, and "as for Great Britain she is willing to accept the consequences of the work done in laying the foundations of democratic institutions...."

Leaving India to accept the consequences of the work done simultaneously in laying the foundations of communal institutions.

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".....During the trying time of waiting, both the British and the Indians will need, all the goodwill...."

—Lord Halifax.

Rather a difficult job with the one having, practically none and the other having already given practically all of it over the course of years.

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But Lord Halifax had better beware of speaking of only "the British and the Indians."

He ought to know as well as any one else, if not better, that there are not two but three nations involved in the transaction.

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According to a contemporary's report, the hitch in the formation of a Congress-Akali-Unionist coalition has caused relief to Punjab Muslim League circles.

We are glad. In fact, we heartily wish for a Pakistan-Sikhistan League Akali coalition. Amen!

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A Soviet writer, writing in the Moscow "New Times" on India's hunger, says: "Hunger is not the inevitable result of natural conditions as some hypocritical zealots of the Indian nation try to assert."

Good heavens. Who?

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The "Manchester Guardian" says that the Russian decision to keep troops in Iran is "a breach of treaty", adding that Moscow's explanation "had better be good."

Nonsense, nonsense. It is good enough to be going on with.

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According to the London "Times" developments in N. Persia will be watched closely by all Governments who seek to found their national policies on what M. Molotov described in last September as 'strict fulfilment of obligations undertaken.'

Oh, last September? It's quite O. K. Now we are in March of the next year.

And any way if the 1942 agreement has been ignored it is really in strict fulfilment etc. etc. You just wait and see.

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TURCO-IRAQ SOLIDARITY

—Headline.

Intolerable provocation. Most undemocratic. And a clear, grave and imminent threat to all the peace and freedom-loving nations of the world.

The Rains Came

Sequel To Kashmir Sadhu's Fast Unto Death

LAHORE, March 4 (A.P.I.): How rains descended from heavens in response to the prayers of a Sadhu who had undertaken a fast unto death is revealed in a report from Jammu.

Seated in the chowk of Purani Mandi in Jammu City the Sadhu undertook the past to dispel the dark shadow of famines. Huge crowds gathere round the Sadhu day and night. Many Hindus performed Hawan to propriate Indra—the God of Rains—while Muslims performed special prayers. When the fast had lasted 15 days and the skies were overcast with clouds the Sadhu was persuaded to abandon the fast.

Shortly afterwards rains fell in Jammu.

"GOVT. UNDULY MAGNIFY MENACE OF FOOD PROBLEM"

To Divert Attention From Freedom's Goal, Says Abdul Gaffar Khan

PESHAWAR, March 4 (U.P.I.): "Our first and foremost object is to achieve our country's independence Slavery is the root cause of all our social evils, moral degradation and economic distress. Unless we are free ourselves from the shackles of foreign exploiters, we cannot hope to do any good to the poverty-stricken masses", declared Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan, addressing the Provincial Workers' Conference attended by about three hundred Congressmen and Khudai Khidmatgars at the Training Centre at Sardarya last afternoon. All members of the Congress Parliamentary Party were present to hear Badashah Khan's address.

Referring to the acute food problem in the country, Abdul Gaffar Khan observed: "I fully recognise the seriousness of the food problem, but nevertheless, I say it is not acute such an extent as has been described by the British Government. To me, it appears that by unduly magnifying the menace of the food problem, the Government want to divert our attention from our cherished goal of freedom. All the same, we have to discharge our duty We can meet the grave situation successfully if the control system is efficiently handled and an equitable distribution of foodstuffs is arranged for the benefit of the poor."

Concluding, Badashah Khan remarked: "In spite of difficult conditions the people stood by us in this hour of trial. I feel, when we are at the helm of the administration, then alone we will be able to ameliorate their sufferings. We should work as one un-selfish team with our motto as love and service of the poor."

Disastrous Train Collision On E. I. R.

First Casualty List Records 31 Dead And 100 Injured

LUCKNOW, MAR. 4 (A.P.I.): THIRTY-ONE HAVE BEEN KILLED, AND ABOUT 100 HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE TRAIN COLLISION WHICH OCCURRED THIS MORNING AT BHAGAULI ON THE EAST INDIAN RAILWAY, ACCORDING TO A MESSAGE RECEIVED HERE FROM THE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF HARDOI.

The Dehra Dun Express collided with a goods train at Bhagauli Railway Station, 48 miles from Lucknow, at 5-55 a.m. According to preliminary reports reaching Lucknow, the number of casualties is large. A relief train from Lucknow with the Divisional Superintendent, the Divisional Medical Officer and other railway officers, has left for the scene of the accident.

Arrangements have been made to render medical aid to the injured at Hardoi, 17 miles from Bhagauli, and at Lucknow.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

LINE COMPLETELY BLOCKED

Relief trains have also been rushed to the scene of the accident from Hardoi and Moradabad. The Chief Medical Officer of Health, East Indian Railway, who was travelling by the Doon Express, the Civil Surgeon of Hardoi and small medical parties from Bareilly and Moradabad have already arrived on the spot and are rendering medical aid.

The line is completely blocked with the wreckage of shattered bogies, and is expected to be cleared by 2 p.m. today. Mr. N. K. Mukerjee, Superintendent, Transportation, E. I. Railway, is in constant telephonic communication with the railway officers who have arrived on the scene of the accident.

According to railway officials who have returned to Lucknow from the scene of the accident the total number of dead is 31 including one member of the crew. Four members of the crew are missing. Besides 43 injured, who have been brought to Lucknow, 11 cases have been sent to Hardoi.

It is reported that some bodies are still lying under the wreckage of twisted engines and shattered bogies.

The majority of the killed and injured are third class passengers.

CALCUTTA, March 4, (A. P. I.): Col. Hassan, Vice-Chancellor of the Dacca University, was involved in the accident.

Feeling Of Insecurity And Nervousness Among Indians

Kodanda Rao On Pitiable Condition Of Indians In Malaya: Call For Urgent Relief

BOMBAY, March 3, (A.P.I): The Indian community in Malaya, numbering about seven hundred thousand, feel great insecurity at present and apprehensive of their future in Malaya due to the "suspicious policy" adopted by both the British Military Administration in Malaya and his Majesty's Government.

This impression was given by Mr. P. Kodanda Rao, who has recently returned from Malaya as a member of the special delegation deputed by the Government of India to study the present conditions of Indians in Malaya, to press representatives at a news conference here today.

Mr. P. Kodanda Rao, who is a member of the Servants of India Society, giving a rapid survey of the present conditions of Indians in Malaya: thirdly, the position of Indians there under four heads: firstly, relief for those Indian labourers who have suffered untold misery and destitution when they were forcibly conscripted by the Japanese; secondly, those Indians who are tried as "collaborators" with the Japanese Administration in Malaya; thirdly, the position of Mr. C. K. Chettur, Government of India Agent and representative in Malaya; and lastly, the future of Indians in that country.

PITIABLE CONDITION

Mr. Kodanda Rao dwelt at length on the question of relief for the Indian labourers on the rubber estates who constitute an overwhelming majority of the Indian community in Malaya. More than 85,000 Indian labourers were taken away forcibly by the Japanese to help them in constructing the rail-road across the border of Burma and Siam. About 40,000 of these labourers perished on the way, and the rest of them, who survived, have been reduced to destitution. "The condition of these Indian labourers is pitiable," said Mr. Kodanda Rao, emphasising the need of urgent relief for them.

The British Military Administration in Malaya, Mr. Kodanda Rao stated, had opened seventeen relief camps, where the surviving Indian labourers were rehabilitated. Most of these labourers have come back to Malaya, and some of them are on their way to Malaya. Mr. Kodanda Rao, who had visited some of these relief camps, described the conditions in the camps as "satisfactory", although, he said there were many complaints of the labourers which needed early attention. The British Military Administration had taken only emergency measures for the rehabilitation of the Indian labourers who were in need of relief.

CONFIDENCE SHAKEN

Turning to the question of those Indians who have been suspected of "collaboration with the Japanese Administration in Malaya", Mr. Kodanda Rao said that the policy pursued by the British Military Administration and Civil Government of Malaya had shaken the confidence of the Indians in that country. "A feeling of insecurity and nervousness has possessed them as a discriminatory policy has been adopted towards the Indians as against the Chinese who had proved more effective collaborators with the Japanese than Indians", added Mr. Kodanda Rao. 96 Indians were arrested by the British Military Administration, of whom 22 are still in detention and only two convicted so far. About 20 Indians have so far been arrested by the Civil Administration. Most of them are charged of political collaboration with the Japanese Administration in Malaya and some charged with committing atrocities. Mr. Goho who is in detention, is charged with treachery—of giving information to the enemy—and the only penalty was death.

Most of Indian lawyers in Malaya were implicated in the I.N.A. and collaboration with the Japanese, and, therefore, Mr. Kodanda Rao said it was necessary to send lawyers from India to defend the accused. This step, in his opinion, had partially restored the confidence among the Indians, but there still existed a feeling of suspicion and fear among the Indians that full justice would not be done to them. Mr. Kodanda Rao thought that leaders like Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Asaf Ali could restore complete confidence in Malaya by their visit to that country.

QUESTION OF REPATRIATION

Referring to the question of repatriation of Indians in Malaya, Mr. Kodanda Rao said that the majority of Indians in that country wanted to come back to India. But, transport difficulties prevented their early repatriation. "The Government of India must raise its voice and speedily arrange shipping for their repatriation", he declared.

Mr. Kodanda Rao said that medical relief was urgently needed by the Indians in Malaya at present, and in this connection he welcomed the Congress Medical Mission that was sent to that country from India. He added that there was a great shortage of cloth among the Indians, who need especially sarees and dhoties, and he hoped that efforts would be made in this country to send cloth supplies to them.

Mr. Kodanda Rao appealed for support from all sections of people in this country to help the Indians in Malaya and said that public opinion must be mobilised for the improvement of their conditions.

BRITISH BLACK-OUT IN GERMANY

Ex-enemy Not Warned Of Impending Famine

HERFORD, Germany, March 2 (U.P.A.): The first reaction of the 20,000,000 Germans in the British occupation zone to the announcement that their daily rations will be cut next Monday is to blame the British administration, according to a United Press of America correspondent.

This is undoubtedly due to the fact that British propaganda failed completely to give the population any idea of what was coming. Until the terse official communique was issued last night, the Germans had not known there was any chance of a food cut. Indeed, so great is the apathy and general lack of knowledge of world affairs among the people that many were amazed to learn there is a world food shortage.

COMMUNISTS-SOCIAL DEMOCRATS FUSION

Hanover Reports Substantiate Charges Of Opponents

LONDON, March 3, (Reuter): Charges that a fusion of Communists and Social Democrats in eastern Germany is being forced through under pressure from the Russian occupation authorities raised publicly at a mass meeting of Berlin Social Democratic officials by the opponents of fusion, are substantiated by reports received from the Hanover headquarters of the Social Democratic Party for western Germany.

These reports, cables Reuter's correspondent, have been collected from Social Democratic officials, editors and party secretaries who have recently left the Soviet zone because this appeared to them as the only way to avoid any consequences of their disinclination to support fusion against their real convictions.

The charges made in these reports fall under three headings—active role played by Russian officers in preparing fusion in provinces, handling of Soviet press control and arrests of Social Democrats who have not proved sufficiently pliable.

The reports claim that up to the middle of February no internal Social Democratic meetings on the fusion issue had taken place in provinces. Resolutions in favour of the fusion published by the Berlin radio they say, were all passed at "joint public meetings" called on the initiative of the Communists where the latter are well organised, as in Saxony, or directly by Russian officers where the Communists are weak as in Mecklenburg and parts of Bradenburg.

Mend It Before It Is Too Late

Bose Asks Govt. To Avert I.N.A. Men's Hunger Strike In Rangoon Jail

CALCUTTA, March 4 (A.P.I.): Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, who arrived in Calcutta yesterday from Delhi, has drawn the attention of the Government of India and in particular the Commonwealth Relations Department, to the prospect of a hunger strike by over 1,000 members of the I.N.A. in Rangoon jail.

In a statement, Mr. Bose says that the position is serious beyond words. The Government of India and the Commonwealth Relations Department should take up the matter immediately with the Government of Burma and see to it that the grievances of these I.N.A. men are removed without a moment's delay. Arrangements should also be made for their repatriation to India at an early date.

Mr. Bose adds that the Government of India owe it to themselves to take steps forthwith. He feels certain that members of the Congress Party in the Central Legislative Assembly will also see to it that the Government of India wake up to their sense of responsibility and take proper steps before it is too late.

Free India Will Be Arsenal And Policeman Of East

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nised. The Nation's burden was almost always passed on to the growers. He would not mind if any Excise duty was placed on crude or finished agricultural produce, but there should be no taxation on raw commodities. Mr. Narayanamurti asked the Government to pay greater attention to problems of rural areas.

Mr. Mohd. Nauman (Muslim League) said that the budget would make the rich richer and the poor poorer. The industrialists, who thrived at the cost of millions of people in this country during the war, were given relief by the withdrawal of the Excess Profits Tax. The tax on betel nuts, the poor man's luxury, would also have the effect of making a few people rich.

Criticising the duty of Rs. 25 per tola on gold, Mr. Nauman said that distress gold to the tune of Rs. 300 crores or more was taken away from this country at Rs. 30 to Rs. 35. Now when India might be in a position to bring back some part of that gold, the Finance Member had imposed this new duty (Hear, hear). He did not think that the duty would stimulate investment in industry ,because it was not possible to change the habits of people so suddenly.

"DEBT OF HONOUR"

Referring to the Sterling Balances, Mr. Nauman said that these balances accumulated at the cost of misery and famine in this country. It was a debt of honour. If England was honest about paying these debts, she should mobilise English assets in India and also transfer to India factories, industrial enterprises and shops in England (hear, hear). "Why can't you do that?" asked Mr. Nauman. "If you are honest about it, you can do it today; you can do it tomorrow."

FRONTIER'S PLIGHT

Khan Abdul Ghani Khan (Congress) described the conditions in his province (North-West Frontier) in a humorous maiden speech. He said the Frontier had the smallest number of schools and greatest number of murders; drinking water was scarce; English was taught in Urdu and Urdu in Pushtu, (laughter), it was the only province that had no university;. they had the distinction of having no technical school or college; the Pathan built the first great highway of India—the Grand Trunk—but had the smallest mileage of road per hundred square miles; and last but not least they had the smallest number of representatives in the House.

Sardar Mangal Singh called it a budget favourable only to "Big business", E.P.T. payers and limited companies. "This budget means that the millions of the country are to be handed over to the joint exploitation of the White Bureaucracy and Indian Millowners. This budget is an offer to Indian "Big business"—the Finance Member says: 'we cannot ourselves exploit the masses hereafter. Come along Mr. Subedar; let us jointly exploit the masses.' The people of this country are not going to allow this." (Laughter and applause)."

Sardar Mangal Singh suggested that the proposed Taxation Enquiry Committee should include in its purview the land revenue system in India, which he considered a very unjust one. He endorsed Mr. Asaf Ali's point that the Sterling Balances be repaid at least in part in the shape of ships—ships in proper running order—and other Defence equipment.

Mr. D. P. Karmarkar (Congress) called it a richman's budget which should be looked upon neither more kindly nor more unkindly than previous budgets. All these budgets were the expression of the will of an alien and unsympathetic agent.

Sir Vijay Anand (Unattached) said that the budget was slightly better than the ones he had seen in the past. All the same it did not go sufficiently in favour of the poor. Military expenditure remained as high as during the war and civil expenditure rose higher and higher.

Sir Vijay said: "We Zamindars are marching with the times and we stand for "Quit India" and we do want that this country gets freedom. We can settle our differences but if before we get freedom we are to have more differences, I do not think it will be conducive to freedom."

Mr. S. S. Sanyal (Congress) did not find in the budget any relief to the poor. The budget had only safeguarded the few rich and 'commercial minorities.'

Mr. Balakrishna Sharma (Congress) said that the budget breathed sincerity and honesty of purpose but failed to achieve the purpose set out by the Finance Member himself. According to the memorandum on defence expenditure, he said, it would cost three times more to main nine squadrons of R.A.F. in this country than to keep ten R.I.A.F. squadrons. He only pointed to this fact to prove that it was costly to have foreign elements in the Indian Army.

(Message Incomplete).

REMOVAL OF COMMERCIAL SAFEGUARDS

Awaits Outcome Of Constitutional Discussions

NEW DELHI, March 4 (A.P.I.): Commercial safeguards in favour of Britain were the subject of questions by Mr. Manu Subedar (Congress) in the Central Assembly.

Mr. Subedar asked: Will the member for planning and Development please state the action taken on the resolution passed by the Assembly on April 4, 1945, relating to the removal of commercial safeguards in favour of Britain.

Sir Akbar Hydari said in written answers that a full text of the debates in the Legislative Assembly was forwarded to the Secretary of State. Further the then Member for Planning and Development proceeded personally to London to discuss the issues involved with H.M.G. and British industrial interests.

In view of the personal visit which the then Planning Member paid to the U. K., no correspondence on the subject had passed between the Government of India and H.M.G.

Question: In what form was approach made and in what form was a statement made on behalf of India to organised British Commercial bodies by Sir Ardeshir Dalal and Sir Jeremy Raisman, who was appointed special officer to help Sir Ardeshir Dalal?

Answer: The approach was personal; for purposes of discussion, a brief was presented to British commercial bodies.

Question: When the Labour Government came into power, was an approach made to H. M. G. again if so, what was the reply?

Answer: Yes, by Sir Ardeshir Dalal in London. He was informally given to understand that in view of the discussions which were shortly to come off covering the entire constitutional relations between India and England, it would be difficult to consider the restricted issues which Sir Ardeshir had brought to London.

CONTRARY TO INDIA'S INTERESTS?

Sir Akbar Hydari said that no formal or written reply had been received from the representatives of British industry, but at the meeting held with the Committee of the Federation of British Industry and the Associaton of Chambers of Commerce, the members took the line that the proposals communicated to the by Sir Ardeshir Dalal would not only not attract, but would deter British industrialists from assisting in the industrialisation of India and that, therefore, sthe proposals were contrary to the nterests of India.

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Question: Was advantage taken of the presence of the Industrial Delegation in the U. K. including Messrs. Tata and Birla, for this purpose? If the answer is in the negative, why were they not associated when approach was made to organized British commerce?

Answer: The answer is in the negative. Sir Ardeshir was fully aware of the views of Indian industrialists and there was, therefore, no need for him to discuss the matter in London with the Industrial Delegation.

Question: Have the Government of India conveyed to His Majesty's Government the very strong feeling on this subject in this country?

Ans: Yes.

Question: Have they emphasised the need of early action on this subject and the desirability of not delaying a settlement of this subject on the ground that planning and development in India "cannot proceed unhindered." (Sir Ardeshir Dalal's words), so long as these Sections remain?

Answer: Yes.

NO PRESSURE BROUGHT ON GOVT. OF INDIA

Question: Is it a fact that pressure has been brought on the Government of India by British shipping interests and by organised commerce in (1) India and (2) Britain, not to urge the deletion or even modification of these Sections as demanded by all Indian parties throughout the country?

Answer: Not on the Government of India.

Question: What is going to be Government's next step in implementing the resolution of the Assembly on this subject?

Answer: This matter awaits the issue of the constitutional discussions which, as the Hon'ble Member is aware, are now imminent.

American Auto Workers' Dispute Continues

DETROIT, March 3 (Reuter).—The General Motors Corporation have rejected a proposal of the Automobile Workers Union that their members should return to work pending arbitration in the dispute—now 103 days old—by President Truman.

The Corporation countered with a proposal to submit the issue—claim for a wage increase of 19½ cents hourly—to the vote of the strikers themselves. Such a vote would be secret, they said and could be held under the auspices of the National Labour Relations Board or other independent agency.

The settlement of this dispute has been in sight more than once and last week the chief of Automobile Workers Union summoned the council to a week-end meeting, which it had been hoped would find a solution.

Lest We Forget

Wavell's Tribute To India's Fallen Soldiers

NEW DELHI, March 4, (A.P.I.): India's 80,000 fallen in this war were honoured amidst a gathering of Allied Servicemen, civil and diplomatic officials when Lord Wavell, Viceroy and General Sir Claude Auchinleck, took salute in front of the memorial arch, Kingsway, New Delhi, as the victory week opened with the remembrance ceremony. Individual scarlet wrethes were placed at the foot of the Arch by the Viceroy and the C-in-C, besides 20 wrethes were placed by men represented the Royal Indian Navy, each corps and orm of the Royal Indian Airforce and the Indian Women's service.

WAVELL'S TRIBUTES

Speaking at the Remembrance Ceremony, Lord Wavell, the Viceroy said:

"Twice in the space of a single generation has one powerful nation, Germany, sought with overweening ambition to dominate the world; and we have had to make these grievous sacrifices of our young men to repulse that challenge. But for them India would have suffered invasion and domination by a ruthless and predatory foe, the Japanese.

"The Indian forces have indeed won much honour in this war. The mere tale of battlefields and victories is a long one, I will mention only a few among many: Sidi Barrani, El Alamein, Tripoli in North Africa; Keren in Eritrea, Amba Alagi in Abyssinia; Monte Cassino and the River Sangro in Italy; Kohima and Imphal in Manipur; Mandalay and Rangoon in Burma. These are some of the names which you and your children and your children's children will remember down their years as the achievements of Indian prowess."

About 2,000 personnel of the Nepalese Army, Burma Army, Royal Indian Navy, Army and Air Force, Indian States' Forces, and Boys' Detachments took part in the march past after the remembrance ceremony.

Among the guests present were Lady Wavell, Sir Patrick and Lady Spence, Mr. George Merrel, American High Commissioner, high-ranking military and civil officials of the Government of India, SEAC military officials, and Chinese, Afghan and other diplomatic officials. All the members of the Tibetan Delegation were also present.

Ministry-Making In Punjab

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desire to explore all possibilities for a solution of this problem, but so far we have failed in this respect."

Asked what was the hitch in the formation of a Congress-Akali-Unionist Coalition Ministry, Sardar Baldev Singh said that the Congress was not prepared to give its share in the Cabinet according to our numerical strength.

"Is it true that you claim sole representation of the Sikhs on the cabinet?" asked the correspondent.

"Certainly not," replied Sardar Baldev Singh. He added: "We don't claim that our party should be given the sole representation of sikhs on the cabinet. What we want is that we should be given representation according to our numerical strength."

Three Leaders Meet

LAHORE, March 4 (A.P.I.)—The leaders of the Congress, the Akali and the Unionist Parties held a further meeting this morning. At the conclusion of the meeting Lala Bhim Sen Sachar, Leader of the Congress Party, told reporters that Malik Khizar Hayat Khan Tiwana was meeting the Governor in the afternoon on behalf of the three Parties.

It is understood that a formula on the representation of Sikhs in the Cabinet was evolved at this morning's meeting of the three leaders.

Maulana Azad, the Congress President, is meeting in the afternoon the Sikh members of the Congress Party with whom the proposed formula is not reported to have found favour so far.

Lala Bhim Sen Sachar told the "Associated Press of India" that Malik Khizar Hayat was meeting the Governor in his individual capacity only.

Replying to a 'U.P.I.' question whether Malik Khizar had the authority of the two parties, namely, Congress and Akali, Lala Bhim Sen Sachar said: "Read the thing in its context. Before this meeting (with the Governor) was arranged we three had long discussions."

In answer to another question whether there was any hitch still in the formation of a coalition the Lala said: "If there was none I could have made an announcement."

After the meeting of the three leaders Lala Bhim Sen Sachar had another interview with the Congress President, Maulana Azad.

Earlier the ten Sikh members of the Congress Party gave their view to the Congress President on the proposed coalition with particular reference to the position of Sikhs in the Cabinet—Congress Sikhs vis-a-vis the Akalis.

WHY NOT CALL IN LEAGUE, ASKS NOON

Sir Feroze Khan Noon, reviewing the situation in connection with the formation of a new ministry, in an interview to the 'Associated Press of India' said: "Difficulties in ministry-making have arisen from the fact that the Leader of the Muslim League Party, which is nearly 50 per cent of the total strength of the House, has not yet been called upon by the Governor to form a ministry. If our leader is called upon to form a ministry I hope that he will be in a position to do."

MANNERHEIM RESIGNS

HELSINKI, March 4 (Reuter): A Government 'communique' announced that the President of Finland, Marshal Mannerheim, resigned to-day.

Indian Food Delegation In Washington Gets Busy

Wheat Earmarked For Other Br. Areas To Be Diverted To India

WASHINGTON, March 4 (U.P.A. : Members of the Indian Food Delegation on Monday start their official engagements, at which they will have the opportunity to talk with every important United States and British food official and will be given the utmost facilities to present their urgent needs to the Combined Food Board.

BRITISH SUPPORT

British Food Minister Sir Ben Smith is scheduled to arrive here and Food Board officials said they understood the purpose of his visit is to back up India's case in the strongest terms as well as to work on the presentation of the needs of all the Empire areas.

Meanwhile, it is learned that British and United States Food Board members last week made certain readjustments in the general cereals allocations plan which will permit the shipment of some U. S. wheat to India within the next few weeks.

It was reliably reported that this was done by the British, who secured U. S. assent to divert to India some of the wheat previously earmarked for other British areas.

NO INROADS BY AXIS COUNTRIES

Food Board officials said Indians would find the International Cereals Committee fully apprised of the seriousness of the Indian situation and most sympathetic. They said India need not fear that former enemy countries will be allowed to make serious inroads on allocations.

HENDERSON'S ASSURANCE

LONDON, March 4 (Reuter): In the House of Commons today the Under-Secretary for India, Mr. Arthur Henderson, said the Indian Food Delegation have discussed with the British Government, India's import requirements of food grains to meet the present emergency. They have also been considered and endorsed by the London Food Council and will now go before the Combined Food Board in Washington for consideration."

The British Government, Mr. Henderson said, will make every effort in Washington to see that India's requirements are met as fully as possible at the earliest possible date.

BRITISH MILITARY GOVT. IN GERMANY CRITICISED

Accused Of Not Allowing Democratic Parties To Fight Fascism

BERLIN, March 4 (Reuter).—A small body of German Communists from Western Occupation Zones who were among the 500 delegates attending a German Communist Party Congress here stepped into limelight last night—during the second days session—with outspoken attacks on the policy of the British Military Government.

While delegates from the Eastern Zone praised Soviet authorities for allowing them to develop a "really democratic system with full workers of control," Communists from Ruhr and Hamburg (both in the British Zone) alleged that the British Military Governments:

Protected industrialists like Von Krupp from trials as war-criminals;

Did not allow democratic parties to fight Fascism;

Tried to foist off on German workers a type of Trade-Unionism they did not want.

Allowed war criminals to reorganise their industries;

And left Big Business in the hands of capitalists.

The delegates, whose Congress is being held largely in affirmation of their plan for fusion with German Social Democrats, seemed to be a determined and self-confident body of men and women, actively preparing a new plan for the resurrection of Germany as a powerful and united Socialist State, reports Hubert Harrison, Reuter's Special Correspondent.

A Reuter cable from Iserlohn in the British Zone said that Dr. Karl Schumacher, the Head of the Social Democrat Party in that zone, told an audience of 9,000 Germans that Socialists in British, American and French zones would not fuse with the Communists.

"As far as one party system is concerned, we have had that for 12 years under the Nazis," he said amidst applause.

Dr. Schumacher, in a reference to recent ration cuts which have reduced the per capita rations in the British zone to a little above a thousand calories daily, added that the Allies should send food to Germany "in order that Germany can be rebuilt to enable victorious nations to win peace for democracy."

HITLER'S GHOST HAUNTS BRITISHERS

T. U. Delegation Fears Centralised Trade Unionsm In Germany

LONDON, March 4 (Reuter): Distrust about the future trend of centralised trade unionism in Germany is expressed in the report issued today of the Trades-Union Congress delegation, which visited various European countries during the winter.

The report says: "Personal contact with leaders in Czechoslovakia and Austria fills us with confidence regarding their future. In view of the past history of Germany, the same confidence cannot be extended to that country. The people we met were in the main sincere and ecurageous opponents of Hitlerism.

"Almost all of them suffered imprisonment or exile because of their convictions. But we could not guarantee that this applied to all of the Trade unions they had recruited or to officers, who will subsequently come to top in Germany."

The delegation condemn proposals for a centralised trade union movement in Germany They say "we came to the preliminary conclusion that a free trade union movement as we know in this country was not a practical proposition at present and was unlikely to become so during the military occupation of Germany."

"SELF-HELP".

"When pressed, as we frequently were, that more food should be sent from this country, the delegation said quite bluntly firstly, that there was not enough food in the world and secondly, that any surplus above basic requirements should in our view be given to inhabitants of countries, which had been occupied by Germany or Japan."

DEVDAS GANDHI MEETS VICEROY

NEW DELHI, March 4 (API): Mr. Devdas Gandhi, Managing Editor of the "Hindustan Times", had an interview with the Viceroy to-day.

A. G. GARDINER DEAD

LONDON, March 3, One of the best known London journalists of the present century Mr. A. G. Gardiner, who was Editor of "The Daily News" from 1902 to 1919 died today at his home, Prince's Risborough, (Buckinghamshire), aged 80— Reuter.

Born in 1865, he was a man of independent views and outstanding ability. He was a prolific writer and a great essayist. Working under the pen-name of "Alpha of the Plough" he published many works. The most popular and famous of them include "Pillars of Society," "The War Lords" and "Prophets, Priests and Kings."

He was from 1902 to 1919 Editor of the "Daily News", from which post he resigned due to some cleavage of opinion between him and Mr. Gladstone. He then took to free-lance writing. His contributions under the pseudonym "A.G.G." and "Alpha of the Plough" appeared in many journals including the "News Chronicle" and "The Star."

Mr. Gardiner was elected the President of the Institute of Journalists in 1915. His publications include the following:—Certain People of Importance; Life of Sir William Harcourt; Life of George Cadbury; John Benn and the Progressive Movement.

He was a great reformer

His departure marks the passing of a great literary figure well-known to journalists all over the world.

Ranji Final

Mysore's Miserable Performance

INDORE March 4: Forced to follow on at close of play Mysore in their second innings made 107 runs for the loss two wickets. Garudachar batting 58 Abhyankar 24.

Mysore were all out in their first innings for 190. Rajsekhar was not out for 83. Sarvate took nine wickets for 61

C. K. Nayudu declared Holkar's first innings at 912 for eight, Ramesh Singh out for 100, Bhavya not out 34.

"LET NOT IMPERIALISTS TALK OF PRESTIGE NOW"

(Continued from page 1)

tion. I am only hoping that the authorities will not hark back to old worn out methods and senselessly insist on false prestige.

"Those who seek to uphold Imperialism and perpetuate inequalities can ill afford to talk of prestige, much less of vindicating it in the present awakening and consequent determined opposition of which the recent events were convincing evidence.

"As a confirmed believer in the method of truth and non-violence adopted by the Congress for the past quarter of a century, I deplore the destruction of property, incendiarism, stopping of locomotives and insult and injury to White men but they must not be used so as to postpone the declaration of independence even by a day.

"The National Congress will, of course, insist on the observance of truth and non-violent ways by the people but insistence on these ways will lie ill in the mouths of those who have constantly denied both or either in their dealings especially with exploited peoples such as those of India.

"We have been looking forward to the coming of the official Deputation and only hope that it is coming with the determined purpose of withdrawing British rule from all India and laying the foundations for a lasting friendship between Great Britain and India while there is yet a moment left. Let not history record that it was too late."

Bombay Produce

The local Produce market was fairly steady with a moderate business passing. There is a good demand for Spot and chances are against any important decline in quotations. Groundnuts G.I.P. Ry. Khandesh quality were placed at Rs. 22/6 while Latur bold were done at Rs. 21/12 to Rs. 21/14. Groundnuts Oil Tank Wagon condition was quoted at Rs 12/11. Castorseeds Ready Bombay were quoted at Rs. 19/12 to Rs. 19/14 while Navlakhi and Goa March/May delivery were placed at Rs 19/8. Linseed Brown Bold opened at Rs. 23 but under increased selling declined to Rs. 22/12.

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MISUSE OF TELEGRAPH ACT PROVISIONS

Punniah Condemns Suppression Of R.I.N. Strike News

KARACHI, March 2 (U.P.I.): Mr. K. Punniah, member of the Standing Committee of the All India Newspaper Editors' Conference, has released to the Press the following letter he has written to Mr. Tushar Kanti Ghosh, President of the Conference:—

"On my return to Karachi after attending the last session of the Conference at Allahabad, I was surprised to learn that Press messages, inland and foreign, regarding the Indian naval ratings strike and the subsequent developments in the city booked at Karachi by two Indian news agencies and one foreign agency, as also by special correspondents of newspapers outside Sind, both Indian and Anglo-Indian, were held up by the Central Telegraph Office at the instructions of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Sind.

UNUSUAL STEP

"The action of the telegraph authorities is an unsual step inasmuch as these newspapers and agencies have been deprived of impartial and independent reports from their correspondents on whom they rely for such work.

"Even if such action were found necessary under the provisions of the Telegraph Act the respective agencies and correspondents must have been informed sufficiently in time about the existence and enforcement of this restriction so that they could carry out their task in the best manner possible in the circumstances.

"Actually, however, they were informed only after 48 hours, after this official action that their messages had been stopped.

FLIMSY EXCUSE

"I consider the reason given out by the telegraphic authorities that 'no official confirmation is available in respect of these messages' is flimsy and most untenable as in all such cases official confirmation could not be had and the authorities concerned were found to be absolutely reluctant to help the correspondents in their work. This ridiculous aspect of the restriction becomes all the more glaring when you realise that the messages were stopped wholesale although they contained both official and non-official information.

FAVOURED PRESS AND TRAVESTY OF FACTS

"It appears that these restrictions did not affect Reuters and the Associated Press of India who carried their reports on the teleprinter line and, therefore, this action on the part of the authorities affected those agencies and correspondents who depend entirely on telegraphs for transmission of their messages.

"The contradiction of the Sind Government that there was no censorship of these messages is utterly misleading and travesty of facts Both by means of censorship and by recourse to provisions under the Telegraph Act, the authorities effectively stopped all these messages.

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UNCALLED FOR

"There was nothing in these messages to which the Chief Secretary to the Government should take serious objection which was not generally covered by the Associated Press and Reuters. His action placed the A. P. and Reuters at an advantage and ruled out the others and did not prevent the circulation of news through telephones to and from Karachi.

"The Chief Secretary's action was uncalled for and prevented the newspapers served from Karachi by special correspondents and agencies (not on the teleprinter) from serving their papers for which they are engaged.

HIGH-HANDED INTERFERENCE

"Although the internal press censorship is said officially to have been abolished the misuse of the provision in the Telegraph Act is a high-handed interference with the legitimate journalistic duties at a critical time when important newspapers expect their correspondents to supply them with factual news with as little delay as possible."

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Sardar Sardool Singh Caveesher the Forward Bloc leader who was recently released from Jail, seen addressing a students' meeting at Lahore.

SIND P.C.C. TO DEFEND R.I.N. STRIKERS

KARACHI, March 2 (API): The Sind Provincial Congress Committee has decided to arrange for the defence of R.I.N. strikers who have been arrested and will be tried by Court Martial.

A pleader (Congressman) has approached the Karachi Naval authorities for facilities to meet the arrested ratings in this connection.

Shore Leave For Ratings

Military Pickets To Be Withdrawn

BOMBAY, March 4 (A.P.I.): A joint Press Communique issued at 12-00 hours by the Advance Headquarters, Southern Command says: "The restriction regarding liberty for R.I.N. ratings was removed yesterday, when nearly 1,000 men were given shore leave for the day. Others will be given shore leave in rotation in the usual manner.

No incidents were reported from the city where the curfew order was withdrawn yesterday. The last four military pickets in the city will be withdrawn today.

GEN. LOCKHART VISITS "NARBADA"

R. I. N. Ships Give General Salute

BOMBAY, March 2 (API): A joint press communique issued by the Advance Headquarter, Southern Command, at 18-00 hours, to-day, states: "Gen. Lockhart, to-day, visited H. M. I. S. 'Narbada' (Commander J. C. Mansell, R.I.N.). He was accompanied by Rear-Admiral Rattray, Flag Officer, Bombay.

The launch carrying Gen. Lockhart and Admiral Rattray passed a number of R.I.N. ships in the stream which give them a general salute.

Gen. Lockhart and Admiral Rattray were piped on board H.M.I.S. 'Narbada'. The Army Commander went round the ship and spoke to many of the officers and the men who were engaged in their normal duties. He spent over an hour on board."

"REMIT ALTOGETHER BURHANUDDIN'S SENTENCE"

NEW DELHI, March 2 (A.P.I.)—Khan Abdul Ghani Khan, M.L.A. (Central) in the course of a statement to the press says: "Capt. Burhanuddin is a brother of H.H. the Mehtar of Chitral; but even otherwise as a brother Pathan, it is my duty to express my sincere grief at the result of his trial. I most earnestly hope that H.E. the Governor-General will recognise the fact that the very deliberate restrain which our national leaders are imposing on us is a cogent argument in favour of his exercising his powers and remitting the sentence altogether."

Bardoloi's Act Of Grace In Assam!

SHILLONG, March 4, (API): The Premier of Assam, Mr. Gopinath Bardoloi, announced at a public meeting here that immediately after the formation of the Congress Ministry in Assam all political prisoners had been released, civil liberties restored and all proclamations directed against political workers who had gone underground had been withdrawn.

The Premier added that certain matters relating to protected areas were now engaging the Cabinet's attention.

Mr. Bardoloi referred to Mr. Jinnah's visit to Assam and paid tribute to to the League President as "one of the greatest men of India."

FABIAN SOCIETY ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

BOMBAY, March 1 (A.P.I.): The conference of the Fabian Society on Indian affairs scheduled to be held in London on March 29, 30 and 31 has been postponed, according to a cable received by Mr. K. M. Munshi from the Secretary of the Society. Mr. Munshi was to have represented India at this conference. The decision to postpone the conference was taken following a meeting of the Society. The reason for postponement is the proposed visit to India of the British Cabinet Delegation to settle the Indian problem.

BENGAL GOVT. SUSPENDS INCREASE IN SALES TAX

CALCUTTA, March 4, (API): The Governor of Bengal has decided to restore the "Status Quo" in respect of the Bengal Sales Tax by suspending the enactment enhancing the sales tax to one anna in the rupees till its operation can be brought under review by the ministry which, it is hoped will take office after the elections.

6 KILLED IN RANCHI ELECTION CLASHES?

Police Opens Fire On Situation Reaching Climax

RANCHI, March 3 (A.P.I.)—Six persons are believed to have been killed as a result of further clashes between Congress workers and Adibasis (aborigine) which occurred in Khunti Sub-Division of Ranchi District where police had to open fire last night as when the election campaign came to a head a disturbance was created between the rival party workers.

No one was killed by the firing and the report of subsequent clashes and six persons reported killed thereby is not yet officially confirmed. Civil and police officials have proceeded to the scene of the disturbance where, it is recalled, notices had been earlier issued by the authorities under Section 144 against both Congress and Adibasi workers. In spite of the notices, however, tension between the rival candidates supporters continues.

SEPARATION OF CHOTANAGPUR

In Khunti Sub-Division, the contest is between Mr. Puna Chandra Mitra, the Congress candidate, and Mr. Jaipal Singh, leader of the Adibasis who are contesting on the issue of separation of Chotanagpur from Bihar and its creation as another Province.

A report from Gumla Sub-Division, Ranchi District, states that three persons have been injured in a fight between Adibasis and Congress workers. Among the injured is Mr. Boniface L. A. Kran, Sitting Member (Adibasis) in the Provincial Assembly who has joined the Congress. His condition is reported to be serious.

AWARI ADAMANT

NAGPUR, March 3 (A.P.I.): The protest fast undertaken by Mr. Awari has entered the fourteenth day today, and all efforts at persuading him to give up the fast have been proved fruitless.

Seated in a reclining position and having been forbidden by his doctors not to strain himself in his present state of weak health by speech, Mr. Awari quietly wrote down replies to questions put to him by journalists to-day.

Mr. Awari declared that nothing could persuade him to alter his decision, not even the resolution of Provincial Election Board requesting him to abandon his strike. He affirmed that only an assurance from Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel agreeing to review the decisions of the Central Congress Parliamentary Board regarding the nomination of Congress candidates from Nagpur province would prompt him to give up his resolve.

Seated by his side was Mr. Awari's wife whose increasing concern and anxiety was too obvious to all.

Mr. Awari has received a telegram from Prof. P. A. Wadia of the Freedom Group, Bombay, to-day asking him to formulate his grievances for submission to the Congress Working Committee and asking him to abandon his fast. But he indicated his resolve in another written reply.

NAGPUR CONGRESS EXECUTIVE'S APPEAL TO AWARI

NAGPUR, March 4 (U.P.I.): A meeting of the Working Committee of the Nagpur Provincial Congress Committee, has adopted a resolution urging General Awari to give up the fast and also appealing to the High Command to create a favourable atmosphere for the ending of the fast.

By another resolution the Committee empowered Seth Poonamchand Ranka, the President, to take disciplinary action against those Congressmen who were opposing official Congress candidates.

CONGRESS NOMINEES FOR MADRAS ASSEMBLY

MADRAS, March 4, (API): The following candidates have been finally approved by the Congress Parliamentary Board as Congress candidates for election to the Madras Provincial Assembly from the following constituencies: Mr. T S Pattabhiraman (Tiruchengode) Mr. A. Vidyanath Melur (Madura) Mr. W. S. Srinivas Rao (Ranipet).

BIHAR ELECTION

PATNA March 4, (API): Voting commences today March 4 in the non-Muslim constituencies.

The Bihar Assembly has a strength of 152 out of which 55 seats have already been filled without contest.

SHAH NAWAZ TO HELP KARNATAK ELECTION CAMPAIGN

HUBLI, March 3, (API): With a view to strenthening the election campaign for Congress candidates in Karnatak it is reliably understood the Karnatak Provincial Congress Parliamentary Board has sent an invitation to Major General Shah Nawaz to visit this Province as early as possible.

It is learnt that a telegram has been sent by the Congress authorities here to Mr. D P Karmarkar (M.L.A. Central) to see Major General Shah Nawaz in this connection.

CONGRESS CABINET MEETING IN BOMBAY

LAHORE, March 4 (A.P.I.): Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, has authorised the Associated Press of India to announce that he has called a meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Congress Committee at Bombay on March 12.

The Maulana has asked the members to take this announcement as a notice of the meeting.

LEAGUER RESIGNS OFFICE

DELHI, March 2. (O P. I.): Mr. Anis Hashmi General Secretary Delhi Provincial Muslim League has resigned from the Secretaryship.

In the course of a letter of resignation he complained that the League leadership has failed to give a correct lead to the Muslims of Delhi when a number of them were arrested in connection with the Captain Rashid Day demonstration He also stated that the Council of the Delhi Provincial Muslim League threw out his motion for Victory week boycott which gave a complete programme as to how to boycott effectively. Instead of the Council adopted a motion which did not again gave correct lead but simply urged the Muslims to boycott the Viceroy Week celebrations. not telling them how to do this.

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Kohinoor Shares In Limelight On Stock Exchange

COTTON MARKET RULES STEADY ON PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Restricted Turnover In Bullion Market

Bombay, March 4

The Share Bazar was steady today with increased activity in Cotton Mills shares, while Steel shares were neglected. In the meantime there is more disposition to await full details about dividend Control. Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2927 and improved to Rs 2930 but under renewed selling declined to Rs. 2910. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 526 and advanced to Rs. 532 but reacted at Rs. 526. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 2435 and advanced to Rs. 2455 but reacted at Rs. 2440. Kohinoor Mill shares opened at Rs. 783 and after advancing to Rs. 795 steadied at Rs. 790

Later on there was renewed general buying and Tata Steel Defds improved to Rs. 2945 while Ordinary shares were done at Rs 539. Bombay Dyeings improved to Rs. 2470 and Central India shares were done at Rs. 500. Kohinoors reacted new high level at Rs. 820 and Simplex shares changed hands at Rs. 38b. Bombay Burmas were quoted at Rs. 630 and A.C.C. shares were placed at Rs. 260.

Towards the close there was brisk buying in Cotton Mill shares and Bombay Dyeings rose to Rs. 2492, Tata Steel Defds were placed at Rs. 2965 and closing tone was firm.

The special feature of the market was active bidding up in Kohinoor Mill Shares which recorded a rise of Rs 72 at Rs. 738 and late in the evening they stood at Rs. 750 while Dyeings were placed at around Rs 2500. At the moment the market is interested in cotton Mill Shares but on the other side there is silent accumulation in Steel Shares The market feeling is bullish and we still believe short sales risky.

Textile Shares

Bombay Dyeing 2492/8 Century 948/12 Nagpur 501 Swadeshi 726 New Great 462 Simplex 388 Kohinoor 838 Colaba 400 Gokak 367 Phoenix 780 Mysore 297/8 Indian Bleaching 230 Swan 445 Finlay 391 Morarji 815 Indore 802/8 Sassoon 815.

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord 540/8 Tata Steel Dfd 2942/8

ELECTRIC

Tata Hydro 224 Andhra 1900 Power 2010 Tram Ord 158/8.

CEMENT

Associated Merger 260.

INDUSTRIES

Burma 635 Alcock 487/8 Bellapur 257 Shivrajpur 64 Steamer Ord 675 Scindia 46/2 Construction 245.

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ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 225 New 128 Surat 355 Surat New Premium 190 Kars ohi 237/9 Broach 13/8 Ajmer 15 Amalgamated 20/12 Jalgaon 15/8 Nagpur 51 Poona 285 Bombay Suburban 232/8 New Premium 100.

BANKS

Reserve 158/8 Imperial 2437/8 P. P. 610/8 Central 116 India 242 Union 12/2 Baroda 170 Habib 89/8 International 62 A.B.C. 44 Dena Bank 67 United 99 Jaipur 71 Hindustan 55 National Savings F P 78 P P 44/4 Mysore 435 Exchange 57/8 Eastern 106

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MISCELLANEOUS

Burma New 220 Burma Petrol 6/2 Tata Oil 98 Mackenzie 180 Port Canning 110/8 Kemp 660 Zandu 215 Indian Radio Ord 380 B 380 Dfds 375 Indian Investment Trust 127/8 Wimco 425 Tata Chemical 23/4 Dharamsi Chemical 37 Mukund Iron 14/7 Dena Trust 24/8 Alembic 358/12 Supreme Industries 230 Jam Wire 140 Bombay Uganda 84 Bombay Cycle 38/8 Indian Cement (1937) 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 762/8 United Motor 46

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st 135 Tata Steel Second 173/4 Tram 76 Andhra 1602/8 Tata Power 1735 Hydro 166/4 Bombay Steam 350 Nagpur 742/8 Vishnu 780 Laxmi 302/8 New Great 255 Poddar 117 Shri Nivas 101 Elphinstone 138/2 Bradbury 548/2 Surat Elec 212/8 Premier Construction First 135 Premier Construction Second 135 Amalgamated 153/12 Tata Chemical 130 Walchandnagar Industries 550 Jupiter 18/10 Supreme 125/10

OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Iron Steel 60/10 Bengal Steel 55 Indian Copper 5/3 B. I. C 11/4 Burma Corporation 7/6 New Victoria Mill 9/12 New Victoria Pref 11 Raja Tex 62/8 Phalton 160 Gold Mohur 381/4 New Kaiser Hind 2450 Sajjan Mills 445 Osmanshahi 392/12 Ajamshahi 695.

RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES

BOMBAY, March 4.

MILLS

Apollo 5/12 5/15 5/9 5/10 5/8
Bharat 71 77 73 74/4
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Bradbury (Ord) 505 50 25 45
Central India (Ord) 500 498 500 498 504 489 92 89 90/8 88 99 93 502 1
Colaba 400
Edward 860
Elphinstone (Ord) 96/8 100 98 100
Elphinstone (Pref.) 138/2
Finlay 360 85 80 85 80 92 90 93 91
Gokak 360 55 61 58 60 58 67
India United Defd. 4/1 4 4/1 4 4/2
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Kohinoor 785 80 87 83 97 90 93 89 92 90 93 89 822 15 20 16 26 18 45 35 38
Khatau 380 90
Madhusudan 555 45 50 46/4
Meyer 267/8 66/4 72/8 70 77/8 75
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New City 441/4 40
New Great 455 62 53 62
Poddar 380 81/4 75 80 75
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Shrinivas 470 60 75
Simplex 390 75 82 75 86 84 95 88
Swadeshi 704 16 10 12 5 17 14 30 26
Swan 418 30 27 40 20 35 30 35
Tata Mills 91/8 94 90 93/8
Vishnu 595

BANKS

Baroda 169/8 68/6 70
Central 115 14/8 16
Imperial (Old) 2435 37/8
India 243
Reserve 158/8
Union 12/1 12/2
United Commercial 99/4 99

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 221/4 25 (Ex Div)
Andhra Valley (Ord) 1890 1900
Andhra Valley (Pref) 1492/8
Tram (Ord) 162/8 60 61 58 58/8
Tram (Pref) 75 76
Surat 255
Hydro (Ord) 224/8 23/8 24
Power (Ord) 2000 1997/8 2010

INSURANCE

New India 104 2/8 3/12 3/4
Vulcan 20/4
Bombay Steam 675 77/8 75
Scindia 45/2 45/10 45/6 46/8 45/14 46/4 46/2
Bengal Steel 54/4 53/14 54/2 54 55
Indian Iron 60/4 59/8 60/10
Tata Steel Defd. 2927/6 12/8 22/8 10 32/8 25 30 7/8 20 12/8 25 17/8 22/8 12/8 50 40 62/8 42/8
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MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 485 86/4 63/12 87/8
A. Cement 259 58/8 60/8 59 61/8 53/8 61 58 60
Belapur 258 61 55 57 56 59 57
Burmah (Old) 627/8 26/4 35 27/8 37/8 35
Burmah (New) 216/4 20
B. B. Petrol 6/2 6/3 6/2
Indian Bleaching 228 23 30 25 30
I. I Trust 127 27/8
P. Construction (Ord) 235 47 41 46 43/8 45
Shivrajpur 61/8 66 64 65 64
Tata Chemical 23/12 23/8 23/12 23 23/8 23/4
Tata Oil 94 100/8 97/8
Walchandnagar (Ord) 762/8
Western India Match 415 35 22/8 25
New Union Mills 30/8
Coorla Mills 345
McKenzies, Ltd. 180
Industrial and Prudential Insurance Cos. 53

GOLD & SILVER

No forward business in Gold and Silver was done pending the decision of the unofficial meeting of the merchants in connection with import duty now imposed and other matters.

It is a known fact that the Bombay Bullion Exchange is doing extensive speculative business much beyond its normal capacity and at times trading assumes the form of gambling. There is no fixed time for trading and the recent forward transactions in Gold were done against the decision of the Board. In the meantime Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 89 and Silver at Rs. 146.

Later on scattered business was done in Forward Silver between Rs. 138 and Rs. 139. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 146 and Gold was placed at Rs. 89 with a restricted business. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 63/4.

Trading was restricted and final quotations were as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p
Ready Silver	146	0	0
Forward Silver	139	4	0
Ready Gold	89	0	0
Sovereigns	63	8	0

BOMBAY COTTON

The local cotton market is expected to open late to-day, owing to some domestic trouble between members and warchmen.

The market opened at Rs. 477 for May delivery and declined to Rs. 475/8 under scattered selling but again steadied at Rs. 476/8. To-day only 100 bales were tendered against March Contract and it was quoted at Rs 473.

The Textile Commissioner has issued a warning against making any contract over ceiling quotations fixed by the Government. Such contracts are illegal and those who enter into such contracts are liable for punishment. The market was steady with May quoted at Rs. 476. There was some selling by Karachi operators which was taken up by local professional operators.

The market ruled very steady and May was quoted at Rs. 478. The market finally closed at under:—

I.C.C. March	473	4	0
I.C.C. May	477	0	0
I.C.C. July	486	0	0
I.C.C. Sept.	490	0	0

Cotton Parity

Indian Cotton May contract is 870 cent points below New York May at exchange rate 331.

High And Low Cotton Prices

BOMBAY March 1.

March High 472; Low 467/8; Close 470/12.

May High 476/8; Low 473/8; Close 475/8.

July High 486/8; Low 455/8; Close 484/8.

Sept. High 491; Low 488/8; Close 489.

CALICUT MARKET.

CALICUT, March 4.

Cocoanuts Raw 180, Dry 145 Cocoanut Oil 550, Copra Office 340 Dilnasand 370, Madrasnottam 425, Goodgooda 425, Pepper Wynaad 385, Country 365, Dry Ginger Chernad 350, Ernad 525, Coffee Robusta 85.

HOLIDAYS IN COTTON MARKET.

The local cotton market will remain entirely closed on the 11th inst and will remain open from 12 to 2.30 p.m. on the 25th inst.

HAPUR MARKET REVIEW

HAPUR, March 1.

FOOD GRAINS:—

There is no change in the food grains position which continues to be very grave. The U. P. Govt. are doing their best to meet the situation and certain steps are due to be taken shortly. The U P. Governor has hinted about further reduction in the present ration in his Gorakhpur speech. There is also a news that the government may impose a general compulsory levy of a fixed percentage of the cultivators produce to ensure better procurement results.

There should be some relief, however, on account of rains over a wide area this week which have undoubtedly benefited the standing crops Rationing is also being extended to 12 other towns. Locally there is much relief on the news that Hapur is also one of those towns that would be rationed in near future for this would ensure atleast a starvation diet to the inhabitant under all eventualities.

About 1,200 mds. of bajra was received here during the week more is expected to reach shortly. There were no further despatches of wheat out of the Central Government's wheat stock which is put at 31 khattis. The following are the current rates: Wheat about 16/- Peas 12/12 Maize 13/1 Bajra 12/1 and Juwar 12/1. The government have fixed the following control rates: Bajra 8/8, Juwar 8/6

GUR:—

Market is steady. Arrivals during the week totalled 4,238 mds. only. The local stock is put at about 1 lakh mds. Current prices are: Gur 10/12 Jaggery powder 12/8. Private despatches were extremely poor.

BULLION:—

Market remained highly erratic and the undertone at the time of writing is very uncertain. This is due to different reactions on the imposition of a specific duty on gold and the enhancement of the import duty on silver. Earlier there was the news that the Government of India has withdrawn the order which restricted the delivery period in respect of bullion futures to seven days. This encouraged bearish activity as hitherto they had to pay a weekly backwardation charge. Here are the fluctuations in silver market in the order in which they occurred. 147/-; 140/10; 145/10, 143/-; 145/10; 144/12. Gold is now quoted at 88/- having touched 89/8 and 83/10. The weekend badla for silver opened at 8 annas but later improved to 15 annas.

GUWAR:—

Futures in guwar remained very steady in sympathy with food grains and commodity markets. There was no particular effect of good showers on the market. Baishak steadily improved from 8/1 to 8/5 and is presently quoted at 6/4/6. Ready is quoted at 3/3 The volume of business was however very small as speculators took more interest in bullion.

BARDANA:—

Futures in Bardana declined after an initial rise in chet and asuj quotations. There was moderate activity. Ready prices were almost stationary. The following are the quotations: Md. 56/- Dw. 61/- Chet 54/9 and Asuj 54/2. Chet had touched 56/-.

BANKERS' CLEARING.

Cheques delivered through the Bombay Bankers' Clearing House during the week ending 1st March 1946, were as under:—

Number of Cheques: 1,44,053.

Amount of Cheques: Rs 57,77,46,698-5-3.

WALL STREET QUOTATIONS.

NEW YORK, March 2

	dol.
N. S. Steel	81_7/8
Bethlehem Steel	100
N. Y Central R. R. Com.	28
N. Y. Chic St. Louis Pfd.	123
Amer. Tel & Tel.	159
Nat. City Bk. of N Y.	71_1/2
Anaconda Copper	45_3/8
2-1/2 p c U. S Tr. 7th W. Loan	104_3/4
El. L. & P. II Pfd.	145
La Consolidada	16
R. C A.	16
General Motors	71_1/2
Texas Corporation	54.00
Socony Vacuum	15_7/8
Sinclair Oil	18-1/2
Interrat. Nickel	37_1/2
Chase Nat Bank	41_3/8
Farsworth Telev	15.50
General Electric	46_5/8
Australia 5 p c 1955	109.25
Cent. S W. Plain Pfd.	193
North American	31.50
Std. Oil (Calif.)	44.00
Western Union 'A'	46.50

No Scaling Down Of Sterling Debts

Sardar's Warning To British Cabinet Mission

BOMBAY, MARCH 4 (A.P.I.)—THE VIEW THAT IF THE POLITICAL ISSUES BETWEEN BRITAIN AND INDIA ARE NOT SATISFACTORILY SETTLED, INDIA WILL RELUCTANTLY WITHDRAW FROM THE BRETTON WOODS CONFERENCE, AND THIS WOULD AFFECT THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO REHABILITATE THE STRUCTURE OF WORLD TRADE, IS EXPRESSED BY SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL IN A STATEMENT EMPHASIZING THE NEED NOT TO SCALE DOWN OR REDUCE INDIA'S STERLING BALANCES.

Sardar Patel says:— "Pending the forthcoming political discussions between India and Britain, a certain section of the British Press is carrying on a misleading propaganda that Britain's sterling debt to India must be scaled down. Recently according to a press message from London, British officials presumably with the knowledge and approval of the British Government have started a propaganda on the same lines. Any discussion of scaling down sterling debt at this stage when India has no independent bargaining power would embitter Indo-British relations still more, and hinder rather than help the forthcoming Pethick-Lawrence mission. This is not a party question but a grave issue of common Indian interests vis-a-vis Britain.

BRITAIN'S SACRED OBLIGATION

The sterling debt is Britain's sacred obligation, as it is the result of services and goods taken by Britain during the war without India's consent and at a low price forced down by control. The people of India in order to supply these services and goods were deprived of their vital necessities and had to undergo untold privations. This sterling debt forms the most important asset for the future development of this country and our hope of raising the standard of living in India depends upon it. Any comparison between the loans from the U.S.A. with the sterling debt to India is out of place, as U.S.A. is the richest country in the world and India the poorest. To0 India this sterling balance represents 17 years of nett income of the Central Government whereas to U.S.A. the Anglo-American loan represents only about nine days of the war.

"IMMORAL ATTEMPT"

An average Britain is 33 times richer than an average Indian and Britain has 600 crores of assets in India. Any release of such a rich debtor therefore at the cost of the poor creditor is on the face of it unjust. The question of scaling down sterling debt is therefore out of question. No Indian can possibly support such an immoral attempt, but if there is any, he cannot but be regarded as a traitor to the country.

The manner and stages of repayment of this debt can be satisfactorily settled only when India is in a position politically to discuss the question with Britain on terms of equality.

The Finance Member is reported to have stated that India is not committed to scaling down the sterling debt. But there is no official denial from the British Government as far as the intentions of Britain are concerned. The fact remains that in the Anglo-American financial agreement published, a reference has been made that Britain intends to scale down her war debts. Further when the negotiations for the Anglo-American loan were completed, Britain left down India completely, because Britain agreed to the stipulation that she would not use any part of the dollar credit for repayment of her debt.

NO FURTHER COMMITMENTS

As regards India joining Bretton Woods, the Assembly has done the utmost that is possible for India. At this stage it is not advisable to make any further commitments. If the political issues between Britain and India are not satisfactorily settled, India shall have reluctantly to withdraw from Bretton Woods. The other nations of the world who have joined Bretton Woods fully realise that if India with her population, resources and geographical position withdraws from Bretton Woods for want of an equitable settlement of the political issues and the sterling indebtedness of Britain to India, the hope of the United Nations to rehabilitate the structure of the world trade and thereby establish permanent peace, will remain illusory. The world has come to understand that India will have the strength and the power to enforce her past claims when the time comes."

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 4.

B. C. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16.

London Banks selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32.

London Banks buying T. T. 1/6 1/32.

London Banks buying D. D. 1/6 1/16.

London Banks buying 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 to 4th month.

London Banks buying 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 5th and 6th month.

New York B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 332 3/4.

New York Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 3/4.

New York Banks buying T. T. Rs. 329 1/2.

New York Banks buying D. D. Rs. 328 1/2.

Montreal Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 302 1/2.

Montreal Banks buying T. T. Rs 299.

Montreal Banks buying D. D. Rs. 297 1/2.

Paris Banks selling T. T. Fcs 3550

Paris Banks buying T. T. Fcs. 3650

Amsterdam Banks selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 99 1/2.

Java Banks selling T. T. D. D. ——

Hongkong Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs 54

Shanghai Banks selling T. T. D. D Rs. 17 1/4 Nom.

Singapore Banks selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 157 1/2

CROSS RATES.

New York/London dol. 4.03 3/8-4.03-1/2.

London/Hongkong 1/2 13/16-1/3 3/32.

London/Shanghai 3d. to 31 1/16d.

London/Singapore 2/3 15/16 to 2/4 5/32.

London/Paris Fcs. 479.70 to 480.30.

London/Belgium Fcs 176 1/2 — 3/4.

London/Switzerland Fcs 17.30 — 40

London/Stockholm Kr 16.85 — 95.

London/Denmark Kr. 19.32 19.36

London/New York dol 4.02 1/2 — 4.03-1/2.

London/Montreal dol 4.43 4.45.

London/Amsterdam Fl. 10.68 10.70

London/Java Fl 7.58/7.62.

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BULLION EXCHANGE PROTEST AGAINST DUTY ON GOLD

The Bombay Bullion Exchange has sent a message to the Finance Member, Government of India protesting against the imposition of duty on gold and silver.

The Exchange says:—

"Now that the war is over and there is a reasonable hope of replacing a part at least of the lost gold during 1931-39 at the world price of gold, the Government have flouted this hope by putting a duty of Rs. 25 per tola as against their own statutory price and the pre-war market price of Rs. 21-5-0 per tola. Besides this, how could the Government have overlooked the possibility of smuggling of gold into India when the temptation is as great as Rs. 25 per tola. Even silver which owing to its bulk is a little more difficult to smuggle, trickled into India in large quantities when the duty was high and the Government had perforce to reduce the same with a view to making smuggling unprofitable".

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be conditioned by other factors such as the Lend-lease settlement and clarification of the Soviet Union's general commercial policy.

The Senate Hearings on the projected loan to Britain are likely to last ten days, by which time the House of Representatives, Banking and Currency Committee, should be ready to study the domestic price control bill and tackle the loan bearings.

Opposition in the House of Representatives will undoubtedly be tougher, but much criticism is expected to be met by preliminary hearings before the Senate Committee.

Hearings On Anglo-American Financial Agreement

TOUGHER OPPOSITION IN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES EXPECTED

WASHINGTON, March 4 (Reuter): Distinctly noticeable diminution in the opposition to British loan has been detected by both British and United States observers on the eve of the hearing on Anglo-American financial agreement which will open in the Senate Committee rooms tomorrow, cables William Hardcastle, Reuter's special correspondent.

Last week's political developments which came to a climax in the Persian crisis and in the strong stand taken by Mr. James F. Byrnes, the United States Secretary of State in defence of the United Nations' Charter, have resulted in considerable sympathy among Congressmen, if not towards the British economic position, at least towards British foreign policy.

British observers regard this trend with pleasure, but are not deceiving themselves into thinking that it will be plain sailing when 19 men from the Senate's Banking and Currency Committee sit in judgment on Britain's economic future. But they are still confident that the loan will be ratified by early in May.

Another factor tending towards easing opposition was last week's official announcement that the British loan is a unique and vital part of United States' foreign economic policy and that further credits to foreign countries will be limited to a maximum of 3,250,000,000 dollars

Many Congressmen's fears have also been allayed by the official statement that the United States loan to Russia, if approved, would at present not exceed 1,000,000,000 dollars and would

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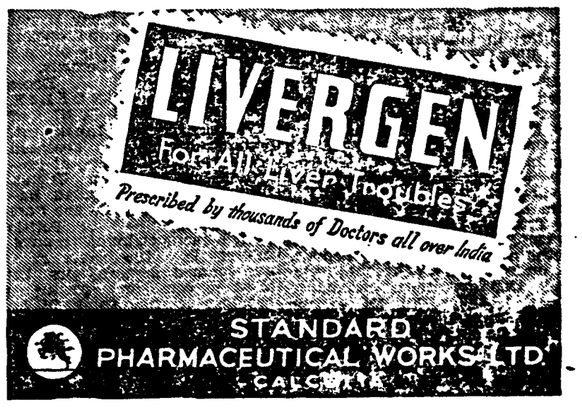

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Earnest money for ten per cent of value of offer in Imperial Reserve Bank or Government of India Treasury receipt in favour of Regional Disposals Commissioner, Southern Circle, Bombay deposited under Head of Account "Revenue Deposits" must accompany tender. Cheques will not be accepted. Earnest money is refundable to unsuccessful tenderers.

Sale is subject to conditions of contract Con. 117 obtainable at this office and without guarantee of Condition or quantity. Successful tenderers must complete delivery within fifteen days from date of acceptance. Rate must be quoted per barrel. (6880)

PUBLIC NOTICES

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By Order of the Board,
For The Scindia Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.,
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Bombay, 5-3-1946. (6932)

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K. J. KALE & CO.,
Attorneys for
Govind Krishnaji Dhole. (6935)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION

Petition No. 649 of 1945.

Petition for succession certificate in respect of certain securities and debts belonging to Pundalik Venkatraman Kini alias Pundalika Venkatramana Kini alias Pundalika Venkatraman Kini alias Pundalik Vankayat Raman Kini late of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, a hotel owner, residing at the time of his death at Sewri, Bombay, ... Deceased.

SUMITRABAI PUNDALIK VENKATRAMAN KINI, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, the widow of the deceased abovenamed, residing at present c|o Baburao Kamat, Laxmi Building, Kapad Bazar, Mahim, outside the Fort of Bombay .. Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Succession certificate.

(Sd.) S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary and Senior Master.
The 14th day of February, 1946.

(Sd.) A. R. NARAIN IYER.

Messrs. MAJMUDAR AND DALAL,
Petitioner's Attorneys. (6930)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. HASANALLY TARMAHOMED BATLIWALLA and KHATIZABAI, wife of HASANALLY TARMAHOMED BATLIWALA, of Bombay Mahomedan inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. All persons having any claim of any sort against the said property are requested to notify the same in writing to the undersigned within 10 days. In default the claim, if any, will be deemed to have been waived and sale completed.

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Dated this 4th day of March, 1946.

AMBUBHAI & DIWANJI,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

Lentin Chambers,
Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay. (6929)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

Petition No. 24 of 1946.

Citation.

GEORGE VI. by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Succession Certificate in respect of certain debts and securities belonging to the estate of Bai Mangal, widow of Madhusudan Motilal alias Bai Mangal Madhusudan alias Mrs. Mangal Madhusudan alias Bai Mangal, daughter of Tolashanker Haribhai of Sinor Audicha Tolakia, Brahmin Hindu Inhabitant resided at the time of her death at Sinor in the Territories of H.H. The Gaikwar of Baroda, .. Deceased.

Arjunprasad Jatashanker Shukla of Sinor Hindu Inhabitant residing at Sinor in the Territories of H.H. The Gaekwar of Baroda temporarily residing at Khatar Gully C.P. Tank, outside the Fort of Bombay. .. Petitioner.

The executor according to the Tenor of the Will:

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Succession Certificate.

WITNESS SIR LEONARD STONE, KNIGHT, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, this 18th day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty-six and in the Tenth year of our Reign.

(Sd.) S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Prothonotary & Senior Master.

The 18th day of February, 1946.

Messrs. MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN,
Petitioner's Attorneys. (6934)

AUCTION SALES.

SALE ON THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH 1946 AT THE SALE ROOM OF THE UNDERSIGNED.

AT 3 P.M.

A few lots of Bohemian and other decorative glass and porcelain, platedware, Persian Carpets sizes 6 x 4 and 6½ x 4½, coloured print pictures, nursery books, toys, etc.

AT 4 P.M

By order of Polish Welfare Office:—4 Cases about 1648 pairs Baby's Sandals.

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AT 4-30 P.M.

By order of Messrs. Payne & Co., Attorneys for the Seth Goverdhandas Visandas and others, Attorneys for the Estate of the late Mr. Jethanand Asanmul:—

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE EXCHANGE BANK OF INDIA & AFRICA LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: FORT, BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Third Ordinary General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Exchange Bank of India and Africa Ltd. will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank situated at 18, Sir Phirozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, on Thursday the 28th March 1946 at 11 a.m. (Standard Time) to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive the Report of the Directors and the audited accounts of the Bank for the year ended 31st December 1945;

(2) To declare a Dividend.

(3) To elect Directors in place of those retiring by rotation and those retiring under Article 105 of the Articles of Association.

(4) To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

By order of the Board.
J. M. AKHANEY,
Managing Director.

Bombay, dated 28th February 1946.

NOTE: The Transfer Books of the Bank will be closed as from Saturday the 23rd March 1946 to 6th April 1946, both days inclusive.

The Dividend when sanctioned will be payable on and after the 15th April 1946 to those Shareholders whose names stand on the Register on the 23rd March 1946.

Warrants for the amount of Dividends due will be posted to the Shareholders at their Registered Addresses.

Intimation should, therefore, be given to the Bank of any change of address.

THE EXCHANGE BANK OF INDIA & AFRICA LTD.

Head Office: Fort, Bombay.

NOTICE FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Exchange Bank of India and Africa Ltd. will be held at the Registered Office of the Bank at 18, Sir Phirozeshah Mehta Road, Fort, Bombay, on Thursday the 28th day of March 1946 immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Bank called on that date at 11 a.m. (S.T.) is over for the purpose of amending certain Articles of Articles of Association mentioned in the Notice dated 28th February 1946 and circulated by post to the Shareholders of the Bank.

By order of the Board,
J. M. AKHANEY,
Managing Director.

Bombay,
Dated: 28th February 1946

To the Shareholders of the Bank in general and in particular to Mr. A. M. Saheb, Mr. K. B. Sheth, Mr. S. M. Sayed Mahomed, Mr. A. T. Bharmal, Mr. A. T. Sheikh Abdulhusein, Mr. A. E. J. Kassam, Mr. A. H. Virjee, Mr. Benedito Aguiar, Mrs. Rosalia Maria D. Auguiar, Mr. A. K. Esmailjee, Mr. B. M. Tharani, Mr. Badrudin A. Karmali, Mr. C. Q. Dave, Mr. J. P. Da Costa, Mr. M. T. Da Costa, Miss Thelma Da Costa, Mrs. Dayambai Esmailjee, Dr. Rodolfo De'melo, Mr. D. O. Acharya, Dr. Divanchand Mehta, Mr. E. M. Alibhai, Mr. E. Gulamhusein, Mr. E. H. Janoowala, Mr. F. A. Esmailji, Mr. F. K. Giranari, Mr. S. P. M. Gomes, Mr. G. J. Hassanbhai, Mr. G. J. Nathani, Mr. G. V. Gandhi, Mr. G. A. Jusab, Mr. G. D. Dhanji, Mr. H. M. Tharani, Mr. H. J. Anjarwala, Mr. Husseinbhai Mussajee, Mr. H. G. Merwana, Mr. Hassanally Esufally Mr. H. D. Dhanji, Mr. H. A. Gandhi, Mr. M. K. Bhalloo, Mr. Q. H. T. Udaipurwala, Mr. R. A. Kanji, Mr. R. V. Ebrahim, Dr. Michel Rodrigues, Mr. R. P. Bajaria, Mr. S. H. 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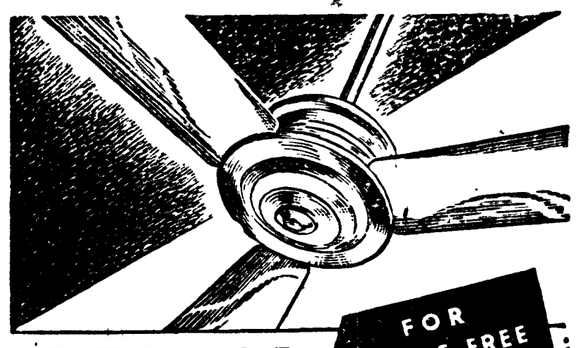

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